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London, To-day.

The diplomatic correspondent of the "Evening Standard," discussing Signor Mussolini's brief speech on the Roosevelt messages yesterday, comes to the conclusion that Italy does not altogether agree with the present German policy.

The effect of the speech in London was to cause an upward tendency on the stock exchange. — Trans-Ocean.

China's Valuable Offensive

London, To-day.

IT would be as great a mistake to minimise as to exaggerate its importance, comments "The Times" after examining the new Chinese offensive.

The journal adds: Besides giving proof (which was indeed hardly needed) of the excellence of the Chinese spirit after two years of shattering reverses, the new offensive shows evidence of careful preparation and co-ordination.

"The Times" regards the developments at Kaifeng (Honan) as more significant than the encirclement of Canton, because of its effect on Japanese hopes to instal Marshal Wu Pei-fu, the old-time war-lord, there.

CANTON ATTACK

While discounting the possibility of the recapture of Canton, "The Times" says the southern offensive will have achieved its object if it inflicts on the Japanese losses, exasperation and delay on a not negligible scale, "and this it seems in a fair way to do." — Reuter.

London, To-day.

The veil over the British approaches to the Soviet to secure her adhesion to the anti-aggression front is lifted by the "Daily Telegraph" this morning.

The British Ambassador in Moscow, Sir William Seeds, is understood to have submitted to M. Maxim Litvinoff, the Soviet Foreign Commissioner, a suggestion that the Soviet should extend to Rumania and Poland pledges of readiness as to their assistance by whatever might appear to be the most convenient means.

Last week, it was understood, Moscow was dubious about adopting the suggestions, there being doubts in the Kremlin of the practical value of the British pledges to Rumania and Poland. Further, there was known to be a sense of soreness in Moscow that it had not been constantly consulted in the earlier stages of the growth of the anti-aggression front.

SOVIET PLAN

It is gathered, however, says the diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph," that the Soviet has now put forward constructive proposals.

These, while they may raise a number of technical problems, appear to establish beyond all question the willingness of the Soviet to join with France and Britain, without limits or reservations, in pledging all its forces to resist aggression in Europe by the Axis powers. The British Cabinet will now

have to consider how they will effect the known attitude of the politico-geographical situation of the various smaller States.

It can be assumed that a few days will elapse before the British observations can be returned to Moscow.

BERLIN WARNING

Hints from Berlin that all chance of a peaceful utterance by Hitler a week hence will disappear if in the meantime Britain strengthens her ties with Moscow, will not deter the British Government from pressing on with the exchanges in Moscow, the correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" is assured. — Reuter.

SEVERE FIGHTING NEAR WUNING

Shanghai, To-day.

Severe fighting continues in the vicinity of Wuning, in north Kiangsi, according to the latest Chinese despatches.

Morale of the Chinese troops is described as excellent.

The fighting is important as a Japanese break through the Chinese lines would facilitate an advance on Changsha.

Chinese aerial activity on the north Kiangsi front is also reported.

It is claimed that Chinese planes sunk five small Japanese military transports on the Kan River, and also bombed and damaged Nanchang airfield. — Reuter.

R.A.F. PLANES AT ATHENS DENIED

Athens, To-day.

The Greek Government denied reports that British R.A.F. planes have arrived at Athens.

The communique reads: "Reports of the alleged arrival of thirty British planes at Athens airport do not correspond with the facts." — Trans-Ocean.

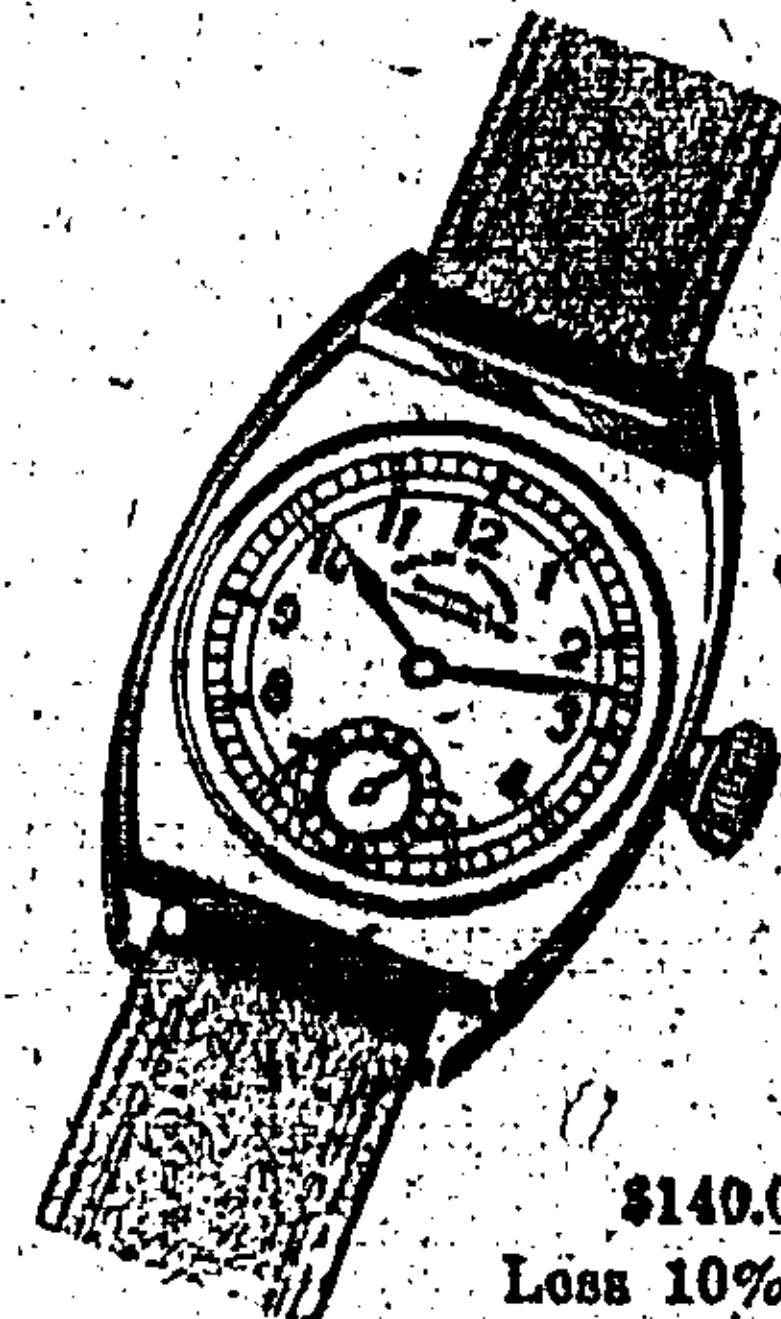
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PERILS BORN OF ARMED ANARCHY

General Smuts Regrets League's Downfall

"BRITISH NAVY OUR SUREST SHIELD"

A grave warning regarding the present condition of "armed anarchy" in Europe was uttered by Gen. Smuts, South African Minister of Justice, addressing the Capetown branch of the United Party of South Africa.

He said that there was a state of lawlessness abroad "such as had not existed in our lifetime, before or after the Great War."

"It is a very different state," he declared, "from that which we prayed for at the end of the war."

"We tried to pride ourselves that we were building up a new order for the protection of the weak and the curbing of power politics the world over."

"To conserve that order we established the League of Nations as an association to bring the nations together that there might be collective security to protect the weak against the strong."

"Yet now, 20 years after, we are in a more lawless world, a greater anarchy than ever before. We see how small nations are being swallowed up one after the other by those strong enough to wield their power against the weak."

"We talked lightly of the League; yet I have a very profound feeling that we suffered an immeasurable loss in its downfall. There are no platforms left on which nations can meet any more."

"GUNS BEFORE EVERYTHING"
"I am afraid the position hereafter may become much worse. We may bitterly regret that we allowed the League of Nations to come to the pass to which it has fallen now."

"We shall never again emerge from anarchy and the reign of brutal power until we have once more brought to the round table the various people of the world, great and small."

"We see another evil of immense dimensions—armaments—sapping the vitals of our civilisation."

"Great nations are bankrupting themselves in this marathon race of armaments. Guns come before butter, before everything. In the end it will be guns before civilisation!"

"We are one of the small nations. Where do we stand? The first thing we have to do is to put our house in order and that we are doing to the best of our ability. Perhaps we never imagined how fast the powers of evil would move."

PREDATORY POWER
"Another essential thing is to keep in the closest touch possible with our friends and our associates in the British Commonwealth of Nations. (Loud cheers.)"

"The surest shield for our rights and independence will be the Royal Navy."

"We shall have to be very careful. A country with \$90,000,000 worth of gold produced by mines and with incomparable mineral wealth will attract any predatory Power on the march."

Concluding, Gen. Smuts said that he did not despair. There seemed just a possibility that there might be a slackening of the enormous tension in Europe.

If they were determined to be just, in the end they would hammer out some new order of things which would avoid that destruction of civilisation with which they were

HITLER'S NEPHEW IN DUEL

Hitler's favourite nephew, Albert Foerster, the highest Nazi leader in Danzig, has been wounded in a duel fought with Captain Greiser, President of the Danzig Senate.

Foerster has undergone an operation following the duel, and his condition is serious.

Nazis kept the duel a close secret, not wishing to reveal internal strife in the party.

Only Hitler's intervention saved Greiser from being lynched by Foerster's supporters.

Mr. Eden Calls For An End To Brigandage

London, To-day.

Mr. Anthony Eden, addressing an audience of 7,000 at Bridlington last night, advocated a threefold peace policy.

Firstly, he said, it should be made plain that aggression had had its day.

Secondly, there should be a restoration of confidence and international good faith by creation of a peace front, and

Thirdly, there should be a maximum effort by Britain in every sphere, domestic and foreign, including the marshalling of all forces in wealth, man-power and industry.

Mr. Eden declared: "The world cannot continue staggering from day to day under the constant threat of universal catastrophe."

"We have got to devise and accept some system which will put a stop to brigandage, or all of us are going to suffer."

"Those who come after will suffer still more." — Reuter.

Mystery Submarine Search

Ottawa, To-day.

PATROLS are watching for a mysterious unidentified submarine reported to have been seen off the Nova Scotia coast, stated Mr. Ian Mackenzie, Minister of National Defence, yesterday.

Mr. Mackenzie said the utmost vigilance was being exercised to establish whether the submarine did, as reported by Captain Latimer, veteran Halifax pilot, enter Halifax harbour yesterday.

Mr. Mackenzie said hitherto his Department had no confirmation of the report. — Reuter.

The Hong Kong branch of the League of Pals will hold their second Carnival Dance at the Peninsula Hotel to-morrow evening at 9.30 p.m. Buffet will be served at 11.30 p.m. Reservations may be made at the Hotel.

CABINET RE-SHUFFLE

RUMOURS

EARL STANHOPE AT PALACE

London, To-day.

Earl Stanhope, First Lord of the Admiralty, was received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace last evening before His Majesty returned to Windsor.—British Wire- less.

U.S. REPRESENTATIONS TO JAPAN ON YANGTSE

Washington, To-day.

ORAL representations to the Japanese Government have been made by Mr. Sumner Welles, Assistant Secretary of State, concerning the rights of Americans in the upper Yangtse Valley.

Mr. Welles indicated to the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Horinouchi, when the latter called at the State Department at Mr. Welles' request, the Government's dissatisfaction with what he described as restrictions on the movements of Americans in that area.

Mr. Welles requested that the rights of United States businessmen and missionaries in the upper Yangtse Valley should be better respected.

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NEW R.A.F. FIGHTER

REPORTED SPEED OF 435 M.P.H.

Details have recently appeared in a French aviation journal of a new type of twin-engined fighter now being developed for the R.A.F. and said to have a maximum speed of about 435 m.p.h.

No official details have been disclosed and it is not clear whether it is intended to be an interceptor or pursuit machine.

There is, however, reason to think that the Air Ministry is becoming increasingly interested in long-range multi-engine fighters.

Single-engine interceptor fighters, such as the Hurricane and the Spitfire, are designed to engage enemy bombers, which may be flying at considerable heights, before they can reach their objectives.

Consequently the interceptor must have a very high climbing rate. This limits both the fuel and the ammunition it can carry.

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The larger multi-engine fighter, intended for pursuit over long distances of bombers returning from raids, need not have such a rapid climbing rate, and can carry much more petrol and ammunition.

It was reported that an American

Seversky 2 P.A.-L. convoy or pursuit fighter had been demonstrated at the R.A.F. Experimental Establishment at Martlesham Heath, Suffolk. A range of 3,000 miles and a maximum speed of 300 m.p.h. is claimed for this aeroplane, which can be fitted with either four or eight machine-guns firing forwards.

The French Air Force has been supplied with the Potez 63, which can be used as a twin-engine fighter and, when so adapted, is equipped with two 20mm forward firing cannons and one movable machine-gun in the gunner's cockpit. Its maximum speed is 285.6 m.p.h., but its range, 620 miles, seems rather inadequate.

"BRITAIN FOR THE BRITISH" HEILS!

Demonstrations were staged in Piccadilly by a large body of Fascists, who paraded with posters and pamphlets, and shouted such slogans as "Don't shed blood except for your own country"—"Britain for the British."

Thousands of stickyback posters were plastered on the walls and windows of restaurants and cinemas in Piccadilly.

Guerilla Coup Near Peiping

Peiping, To-day. THE wrecking of trains and blowing up of coal mines are among the latest activities of Chinese guerillas in North China.

Travellers describe seeing a very long military train completely wrecked at a point a few miles north of Paotingfu. The train had apparently been wrecked in the last few days.

Very reliable foreign sources learn that last week-end guerillas captured from the Japanese garrison the Toli coal mines, 25 miles south-west of Peiping.

COMPLETE WRECK

The guerillas held the mines long enough to explode charges in all the shafts, completely wrecking the mines, before they fled to the hills again.

The Japanese have been getting considerable quantities of coal from these mines during the past year. — Reuter.

REARMING BLENHEIMS

The British Blenheim is now officially regarded not merely as a bomber but as a general purpose aircraft, also capable of use for reconnaissance or fighting.

If used as fighters, the older types of Blenheims would require rearming, as they carried only one forward firing machine-gun in the port wing and one machine-gun in the aft turret.

The latest type of "long-nose" Blenheim has a range of 1,900 miles and a maximum speed of 295 m.p.h. Details of the armament to be fitted to this machine have not been revealed.



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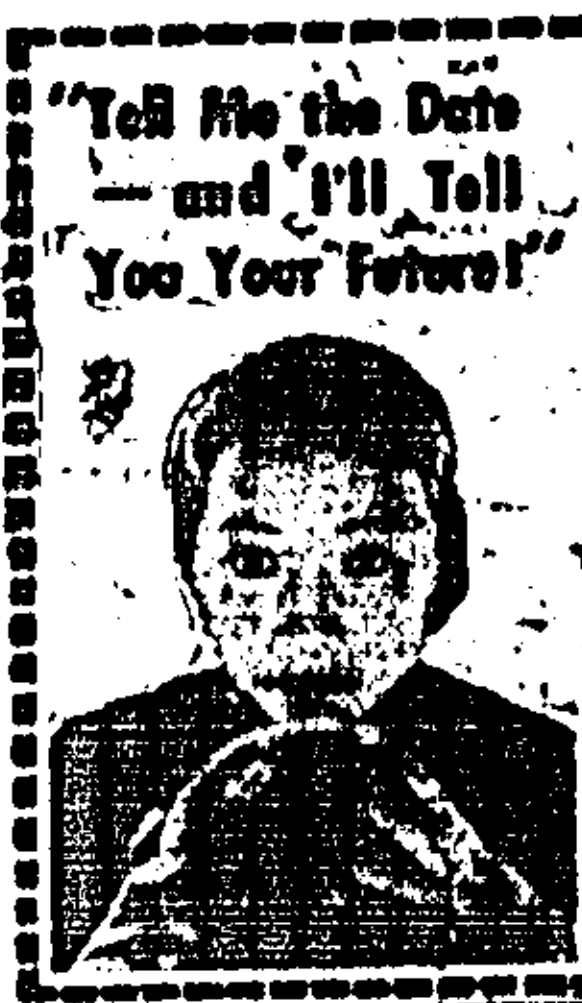
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Murder Drama In Lonely Hut

SOBBING BITTERLY IN THE WITNESS-BOX AT THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS THIS MORNING, A 16-YEAR-OLD GIRL RELATED HOW IN A LONELY HUT ON THE BRITISH BORDER IN THE NEW TERRITORIES DURING THE EARLY HOURS OF A COLD WINTRY MORNING ON JANUARY 5 LAST, BOTH HER FATHER AND MOTHER WERE MURDERED BY TWO MEN, ONE ALLEGED TO BE WONG KAM-WAN WHO WAS PUT ON TRIAL BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR, FOR THE MURDER OF WONG CHUNG, FATHER OF THE GIRL.

The young girl-witness, during cross-examination by Mr. T. F. Lo who appeared for accused, broke down several times and all that she could reply to Counsel's questions, was "I can't remember."

Mr. John Whyatt, Crown Counsel, represented the Crown.

It was alleged that accused with another man, Wong Kwai-chai, were responsible not only for the murder of the parents of the girl but also for the shooting and wounding of her 12-year-old brother.

The incident occurred in a lonely marsh in a paddy-field.

CROWN CASE

The Crown's case was that between seven and eight o'clock on the night of January 4, Wong Chung, his wife, Ng Cheung-Leung, and three children, one daughter and two sons, went to bed. Wong Chung remained lying on his bed smoking opium.

His daughter, Wong Kam-kui, was awakened during the night by voices and saw two men, one alleged to be accused, sitting on stools in front of her father. The girl recognised the other man as Wong Kwai-chai, who has not yet been arrested.

The girl overheard the men say that they had bought two guns and heard her father reply: "You have money to purchase guns, why don't you pay me the \$120 you owe." The men replied that they did not have the money. She fell asleep and was awakened at about 2 a.m. in the morning by the sound of two gun shots, from the direction of the kitchen. As she got up she discovered that her mother's and father's beds were vacant so she ran into the kitchen.

KITCHEN DRAMA

There she saw her mother lying dead on the floor.

Her father was at the other end of the kitchen covered by the two men each holding a gun.

Her 12-year-old brother, Wong Kau, was standing by her father's side.

As she stood in the doorway, the men fired four to five shots at her father and he dropped to the ground.

The frightened girl turned about and rushed to her bed where she covered herself with blankets.

The brother also followed but one of the men fired a shot at the fleeing child the bullet entering the right side of his neck. The lad crept under his father's bed crying to his sister that he had been shot.

GIRL'S EFFORTS

After the pair had left, the girl got up and managed to put her father on his bed. He was still alive.

She treated both father and brother and at daybreak summoned her uncle from across the Shumchun River. The younger brother was not awakened.

The police were informed and her father and brother were taken to the Kowloon Hospital.

The father died three days afterwards, but the brother recovered.

The police found automatic and revolver bullets and cartridges during the investigations. A long sword was found near the mother's body.

ACCUSED'S STORY

After several weeks, the police arrested accused at the Kwong Ming Theatre in Yaumati.

When charged with the murder, he replied that when he was about two years of age, his father and Wong Chung and two others went abroad working on a German vessel.

Deceased borrowed \$10 from accused's father. When his father asked for its return, deceased refused and his father scolded deceased and struck him. Deceased bought a gun in Germany and shot his father.

This was conveyed to accused by Wong Cho, who on his death bed told accused that his father did not die a natural death but had been murdered by deceased.

Wong Chung alleged accused, contacted smugglers and received sixty cents protection fee for every picul of rice.

Accused one day bought 12 piculs of

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The seamen, who were instrumental in saving the lives of the crew of a small boat which overturned during a recent squall in the harbour, will be presented with the Medal on board the "Sui Tai" at noon on Monday.

The awards will be presented by the Harbour Master, Commander G. F. Hole.

WOMEN ON FORGERY CHARGE

Two women, Ho Sau-mui and Au Yin, and a man, Ng Hak-sing, were remanded by Mr. R. Edwards this morning, when charged with possession of forged banknotes.

It was alleged that first defendant had 128 \$10 forged notes of the Central Bank of China, and second defendant had 122.

Detective Sergeant Wall is in charge of the case.

unhusked rice which turned out to be stolen property. He was approached by deceased who demanded \$100 and threatened to kill him.

"Therefore my uncle asked us (accused and Wong Kwai-chai) to go and kill Wong Chung, otherwise he (uncle) would kill me.

"I killed Wong Chung by my own hand. Wong Kwai-chai killed the woman and shot at the boy."

PAYING OF \$2,000

Accused also mentioned in his statement that it was decided to pay the deceased's family \$2,000 in settlement. This sum had been paid.

At the Magistracy accused pleaded self-defence. "Wong Chung took out a gun and shot at us. We snatched the gun away from him. I killed Wong Chung and Wong Kwai-chai shot the wife and son."

Mr. Whyatt pointed out that accused spoke of one only gun, but the bullets and cartridges picked up by the police showed that two guns were in action in that hut.

The girl then entered the witness-box and corroborated Mr. Whyatt's outline.

SELF-PRESERVATION CORPS

She admitted, under cross-examination by Mr. T. F. Lo, that her father had been a member of the Self Preservation Corps.

Mr. Lo: "What does your father usually keep in the box which he uses as a pillow?"—"Opium and opium pipes and lamps."

"Would you be surprised to know that your father kept two guns in the box?"—"I have never seen any guns. You must not blame my father. He was a member of the Self Preservation Corps but he had no gun."

Witness stated that the night was very cold, but she did not sleep with her head beneath the blankets. "It's not my habit" she replied.

The case is continuing.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND IL DUCE'S REPLY: DOOR STILL LEFT OPEN?

Washington, To-day.

An official of the State Department said yesterday that Mussolini's rejection of President Roosevelt's proposals, while disappointing, might still leave room for co-operative action.

The official declared that should the President wish to pursue the suggestions for a guaranteed peace and settlement of difficulties by the conference method, he might find a basis in the fact that there were some indications of peaceful intentions in Mussolini's response.

It is specifically noted in Washington that Mussolini did not altogether reject the idea of conferences, although he minimised the value of a large conference.

The official said President Roosevelt had not in mind world conferences in each of three possible subjects — disarmament, economic and political.

The largest conference he had in mind would be on economic questions.

Disarmament would be limited to the extensively armed nations, and political subjects would be confined to European nations directly interested.

OFFICIAL DEATH OF NON-INTERVENTION

London, To-day.

The international committee for application of the agreement regarding non-intervention in Spain was wound up in London yesterday at a meeting which ranked as the thirtieth plenary session.

The chairman's sub-committee held many more meetings.

Lord Plymouth explained that the object of the meeting was to enable Governments formally to relieve themselves of certain obligations entered into at different times, the need for which was past in view of the conclusion of the Spanish conflict. — British Wireless.

B.B.C. MAY EXTEND FOREIGN LANGUAGE BROADCAST

London, To-day.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs told the Commons yesterday that the Government were fully aware of the interest aroused abroad by the B.B.C. broadcasts in foreign languages, and the possibilities of useful extensions of these broadcasts were constantly under consideration by the Government and the B.B.C. — British Wireless.

HITLER THE SAME?

Members of the State Department expect Hitler's reply to follow the lines of Mussolini's, but to be much longer.

It is thought Hitler will refer to replies likely to be received from the Balkan countries to whom Hitler has posed a diplomatic question whether they feel themselves threatened by Germany. — Reuter.

To Report Progress

London, To-day.

THE Prime Minister is to make yet another statement on the international situation in the House of Commons.

During a statement on business in the House yesterday, Mr. C. R. Attlee, leader of the Labour opposition, asked if the Prime Minister would make such a statement at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. Chamberlain replied: "Yes, I would be glad to do that." — Reuter.

FRENCH CONCESSION PATCHES UP PEACE

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

ALL CHINESE ARRESTED ON WEDNESDAY FOLLOWING A STREET BATTLE WITH THE FRENCH POLICE IN THE FRENCH CONCESSION, WHEN THE FLYING OF CHINESE NATIONAL FLAGS WAS BANNED. WERE RELEASED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

The business strike was also settled when the French authorities, on demand, returned all confiscated Chinese flags to the owners.

The French authorities, however, state that they are unable to lift the ban unless instructed by higher authorities to whom the Chinese representations have been sent.

Yesterday morning, Chinese students were arrested in the French Concession where they were found distributing leaflets and putting up posters agitating for a business strike. They were later released. — Our Own Correspondent.

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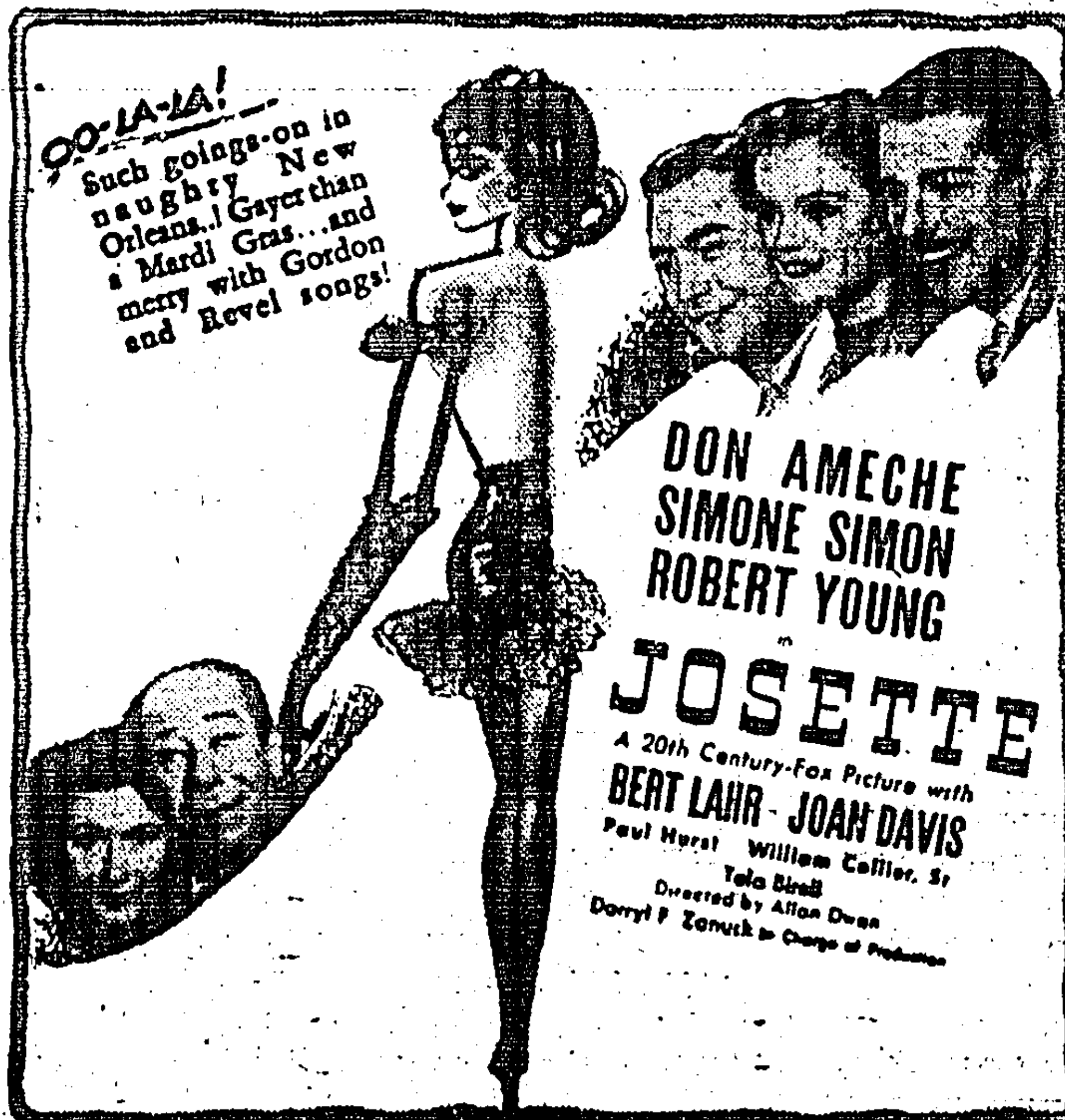
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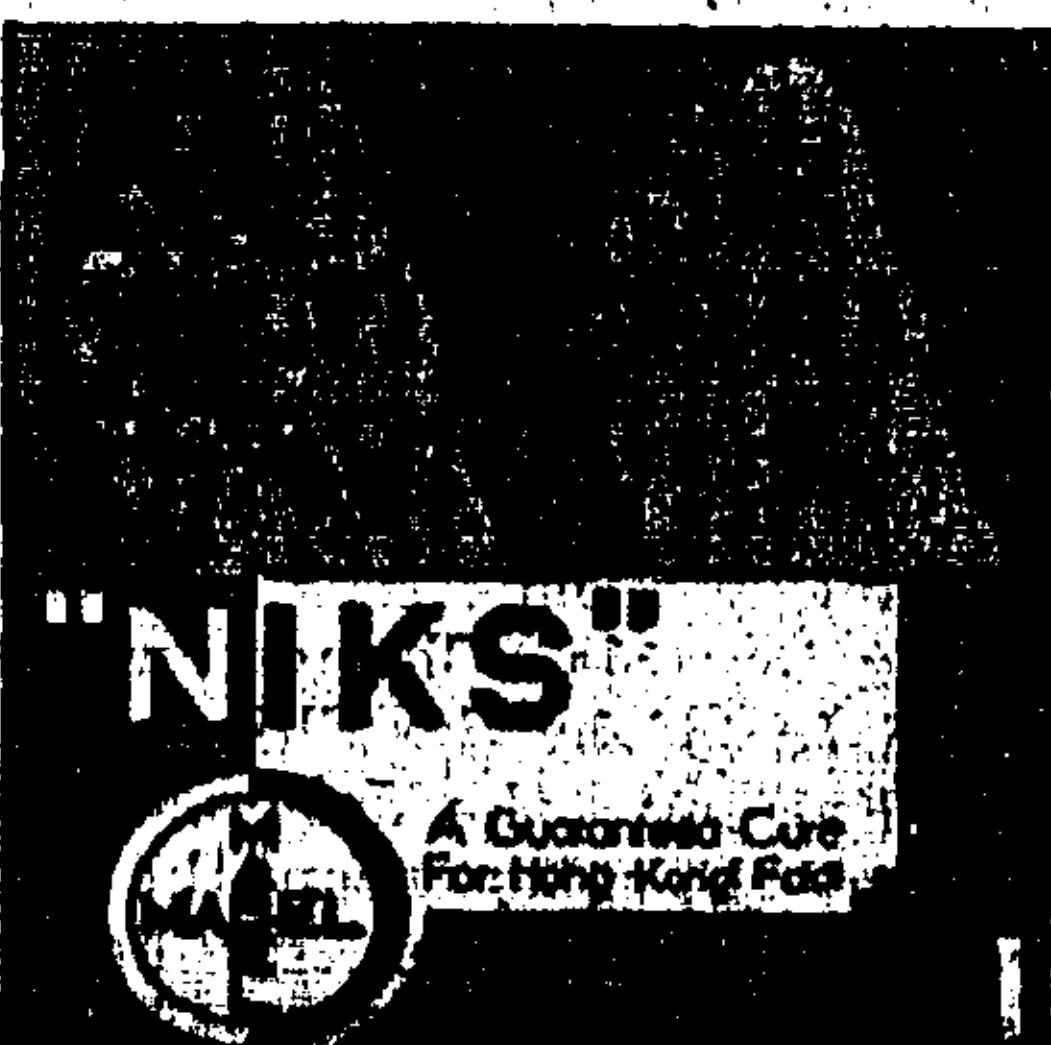
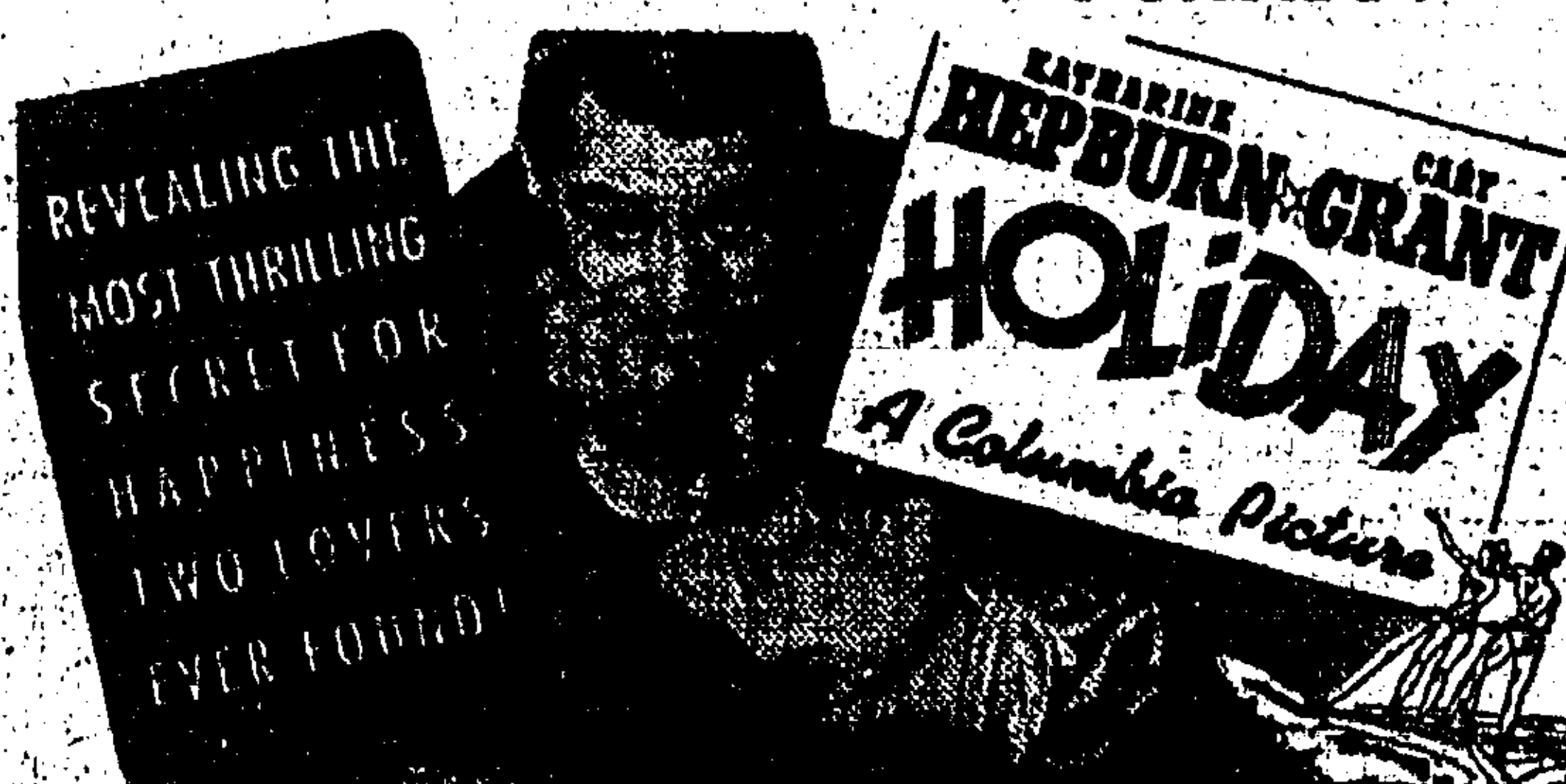
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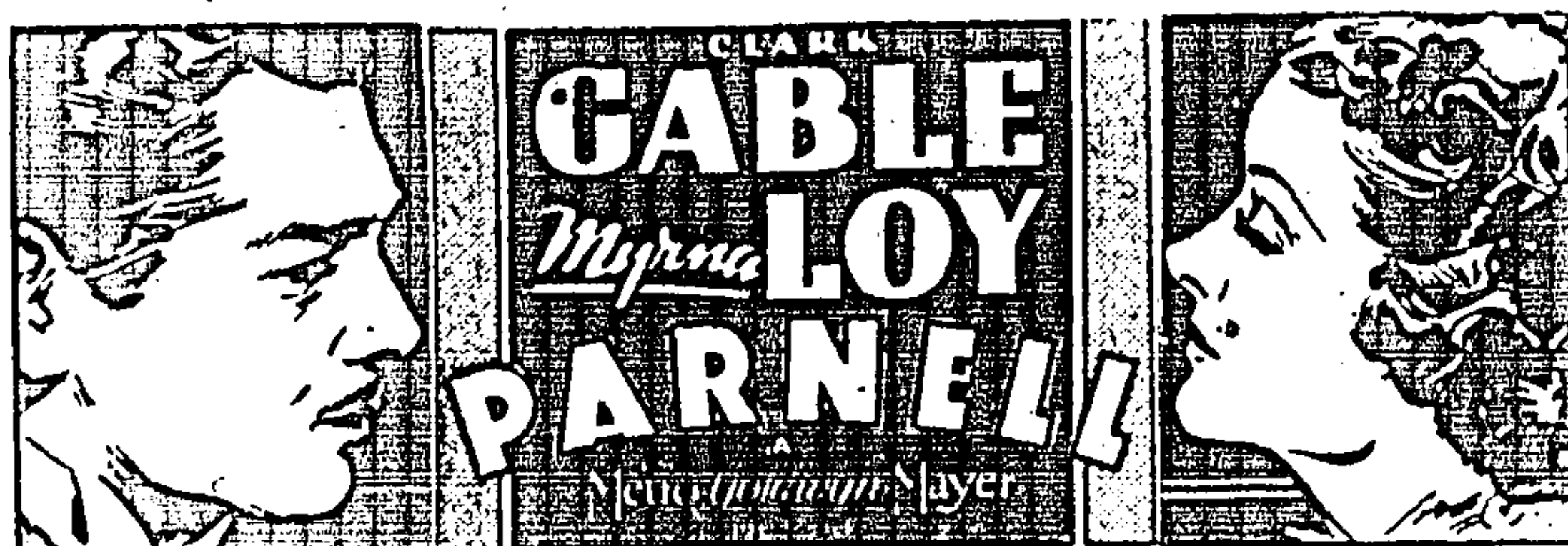


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ARMY FOREIGN SERVICE TOUR TO BE REDUCED

LONDON, TO-DAY.
TWO ARMY REFORMS WERE ANNOUNCED BY THE WAR OFFICE YESTERDAY—REDUCTION OF THE TOUR OF FOREIGN SERVICE TO FOUR YEARS INSTEAD OF SIX AND GRANTING OF AN OPTION TO EVERY SOLDIER OF GOOD CHARACTER AND EFFICIENCY TO RE-ENGAGE AND COMPLETE TWENTY-ONE YEARS SERVICE, THEREBY QUALIFYING FOR PENSION.

This will apply also to Regular Army reservists who have already been offered an opportunity of re-joining to complete twelve years with the Colours.

The War Office makes clear that the first change has been made possible as a result of the great improvement in recruiting. It will apply as from the next trooping season.

Simultaneously the War Office has issued details of the new Army

DELPHINUS IN ADVENTUROUS TRIP

It was revealed on the arrival of the Delphinus this morning that when she made a forced landing, owing to bad weather, on the beach at Hailingshan yesterday, she was fired upon by Chinese irregulars.

The shots were fired from the top of a hill but no-one was hit and only trifling damage was done to the machine.

As soon as the identity of the plane was discovered (the guerrillas had been bombed earlier by a Japanese plane) an officer came down from the hill and apologised profusely for the mistake to the pilot. His men then helped to manhandle the plane, turning her round enabling her to take off again for Fort Bayard.

and trousers which button at the ankle with short webbing anklets somewhat on the lines of a sking suit—and of a scheme for reorganization of Army cooking—British

TURKEY KEEPING CLOSE WATCH ON BATTLE OF THE DIPLOMACIES

Istanbul, To-day.

Turkish political quarters, who support the policy of the Western Democracies, are following with close attention the diplomatic discussions of M. Gafencu and of Count Teleki in Rome.

The main issue is whether Nazi diplomacy can succeed in weakening the Balkan Entente, following the isolation of Yugo-Slavia by reason of the invasion of Albania, and the economic hold on Rumania afforded by the recent agreement Between Germany and Rumania.

Turkish circles welcome the strengthening of Rumania's position as a result of the British pledge, but see the inevitability of Russian collaboration if the pledge is to be speedily implemented in an emergency.

Special importance is attached in Istanbul to the efforts of Italy to bring Hungary and Yugoslavia in closer harmony. Success of Italian diplomacy here would endanger the stability of the Balkan Entente and this would necessarily mean the adaption of Turkish policy to a new situation.

No clarification of the situation is expected, however, until the completion of M. Gafencu's tour.

ARRIVING SUNDAY

The Rumanian Foreign Minister will arrive in London on Sunday evening from Brussels. He will have his first conversation with Lord Halifax on Monday morning and will see Mr. Chamberlain in the course of Monday afternoon.

Conversations at the Foreign Office will be continued on Tuesday.

The King and Queen will entertain the Rumanian guest at luncheon at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday and in the evening there will be a banquet at the Rumanian Legation.

On Wednesday morning, M. Gafencu will inspect units of the Royal Air Force.

He will leave for Paris on Wednesday afternoon.—Trans-Ocean.

Shanghai Mystery

Shanghai, To-day.
YESTERDAY a large area along the waterfront was under military control and no civilian was allowed to enter for several hours.

It was then reported that Prince Konoye was disembarking and had arrived from Japan.

This report could not be confirmed last night, but it is believed that a high Japanese Government official had arrived here. — Our Own Correspondent.

POKLO RAID

Yungyun, To-day.
More than 70 were killed during a Japanese air raid over Poklo, on the East River, in Kwangtung, on Tuesday.

The raiders rained about 60 bombs. — Central News.

POPE ISSUES CALL TO PRAYER

Rome, To-day.

POPE Pius XII has instructed Cardinal Secretary Maglione to order that, throughout the whole of May, public prayers are to be held in all Churches to intercede for the maintenance of peace.

The official organ of the Vatican, the "Osservatore Romano" publishes in Latin and Italian the text of the Pope's letter to M. Maglione under the heading "the Holy Father proclaims a crusade of public prayers for peace."

In his letter to the Cardinal Secretary, the Holy Father opens by saying that he ardently beseeches God that at last the souls of men are now turn towards the desire for justice and human service and that lasting and Christian peace may take a concrete form among all the nations and peoples despite the deep concern that now prevails throughout the world.

Pope Pius calls not only upon all sons in Christ scattered over the whole earth but also all nations and all Governments to preserve peace.

MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN

The Pope desires that during the month of May, sacred to the Virgin Mary, public prayers for peace will be offered in all churches.

In particular he calls upon all children in the first bloom of life, from whom still emanates innocence, affection and grace, to offer their prayers to Almighty God that a brotherly accord among the peoples will be established.

The hope is justified that if everywhere in the cities, villages and the most distant parts of the world pilgrims offer up their pleas to God that the rancour that at present divides the nations, will pass away and after a settlement of the differences that now set nation against nation, happier times will dawn for the peoples of the earth. — Trans-Ocean.

KAIFENG CLASH

Loyang, To-day.

Japanese troops from Kaifeng, driving towards Chungmow, have been defeated by the Chinese.

At Kaifeng, the Japanese have closed all the gates except the south. People entering or leaving are searched. — Central News.

DEEP SHELTER POLICY REJECTED IN BRITAIN

Committee's Findings: Time Factor Crucial

Mistaken In Aim,
Impossible In
Practice

London, To-day.

The committee appointed in February under the chairmanship of Lord Hailey to advise Sir John Anderson, Minister of Civil Defence, on air raid shelters, issued its Report yesterday as a White Paper.

The committee opposes the provision of deep or bomb-proof shelters for the whole civil population.

Instead, it favours a policy of dispersed shelters giving protection against blast, splinters and the fall of debris.

The Report states: "This policy represents a means by which measures affording a considerable degree of protection can be completed within a limited time, which seems of crucial importance."

MAIN OBJECTIONS

Three main grounds are given in the Report for opposition to deep bomb-proof shelters. These are:

Diversion of material effort and money from active defence.

Technical difficulties of constructing shelter system which would guarantee speedy and sufficient access to the population which would want to use it, and

The time factor of construction.

TWO YEARS' TASK

The Report adds it is estimated it would require two years to construct 16 miles of shelter tunnels in London, and this would only provide shelter for 160,000 persons.

The Report endorses the advice given to Sir John Anderson concerning the value of steel shelters and the design for strengthened basements.—Reuter.

DECISION REACHED

London, To-day.

The Minister of Civil Defence, Sir John Anderson, announcing the Government's shelter policy in the House of Commons yesterday, declared that deep or bomb proof shelters for the whole civil population were impracticable.

No grounds had been shown for departing from the policy of blast and splinter proof protection already announced, and the Government would make every effort to assure that this policy was carried out as speedily as possible in vulnerable areas.

An attempt to produce bomb proof shelters on any general scale would prove impossible in practice and would be mistaken policy.

KEY POINTS

There was a case for providing heavily protected shelters for certain key points and for certain vital services.

Technical advice would be afforded speedily to industrialists and others as to the forms such

KING OPENS WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE KING, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY QUEEN ELIZABETH, OPENED THE NEW £850,000 WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL YESTERDAY.

The Hospital had been removed from its old site opposite Westminster.

Two children's wings in the new hospital bear the names respectively of Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Rose.—Reuter.

ARCHBISHOP ENDS LUXURY YACHT CRUISE

London, To-day.

The Archbishop of Canterbury arrived back in England yesterday following his visit to the Mediterranean and Istanbul.

The Archbishop had been holidaying on board the luxury yacht of Mr. J. P. Morgan, the American millionaire financier.—British Wireless.

shelters should take.

Sir John Anderson mentioned the distribution of portable steel shelters which began on February 20 and had proceeded at a rate substantially in excess of estimates.

SHELTER EXPANSION

Shelters capable of sheltering 1,500,000 persons had already been distributed, and future distribution would proceed at an accelerated rate.

Tests had been carried out respecting the strengthening of basements.

As a result of these tests the first orders for materials had been placed on April 4.

An organisation had been created to assist local authorities in carrying out a speedy survey of suitable basements.—Reuter.

REPENTANCE BEFORE FORGIVENESS

New York, To-day.

President Roosevelt will await Hitler's reply to his peace appeal before taking any action in regard to sending back Mr. Hugh Wilson, the Ambassador, to his post in Berlin.

This is according to "informed sources" quoted by Associated Press.—Reuter.

SWATOW FEAR OF INVASION

Swatow, To-day.

THE Chinese authorities here have ordered all civilians to evacuate within three days.

The threat of invasion has been intensified by the presence of several Japanese transports and warships.

Most of the main roads leading out of Swatow have been destroyed and the rest have been heavily mined for blowing up in emergency.

Originally the time limit for evacuation was the end of this month.—Our Own Correspondent.

"CHAMPLAIN" SAILS WITH ART TREASURES

LE HAVRE, TO-DAY.

THE FRENCH LINER "CHAMPLAIN" SAILED FOR NEW YORK YESTERDAY WITH ART TREASURES FOR THE NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR AND PASSENGERS, WHO WERE TO HAVE SAILED ON THE ILL-FATED LINER "PARIS," NOW A SEMI-SUBMERGED BURNED-OUT WRECK.

Among the passengers were Mrs. Lindbergh and her two children. She is joining her husband in Washington, where Colonel Lindbergh is now on active service with the United States Air Corps.—Reuter.

JEWISH POLICE OFFICER KILLED

Jerusalem, To-day.

A Jewish supernumerary policeman was killed and five injured when a lorry in which they were travelling struck a landmine near a town west of Jerusalem.—Reuter.

JAPAN GIVES SPRATLEY IS. ASSURANCES

Tokyo, To-day.

An assurance that Japan does not intend to "extend her lines of defence" to the Spratley Islands, was given by Rear-Admiral Kanazawa, Chief of the Admiralty Publicity Bureau, yesterday.

He said the islands were useless for strategic purposes as they constituted mostly dangerous reefs with no facilities for sea or land planes.

Japan occupied the islands, which lie off the coast of French Indo-China, a few weeks ago while negotiations with France were continuing over their ownership.—Reuter.

IL DUCE'S SPEECH PLEASES THE NAZIS

Berlin, To-day.

Mussolini's speech in Rome has been received by the Nazis with "satisfaction and the full agreement."

Nazi political circles regard the reply to President Roosevelt's peace proposals as another decisive demonstration to the Democracies of the solidarity of the Rome-Berlin Axis.

One German political commentator pointed out that Hitler had also often referred to Germany's building activity as proof of her peaceful intentions.—Reuter.

NEW GOVERNOR OF BENGAL

London, To-day.

Sir John Woodhead has been appointed Governor of Bengal, it was announced last evening.

He will take up his new post on June 11. The former Governor of Bengal, Lord Brabourne, died last month.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE SENTRY SHOT

Chungking, To-day.

The Japanese in Tientsin are vigilant as the result of the murder of a Japanese sentry on Wednesday.

Extensive searches were conducted by the Japanese in the neighbourhood, but the assailant is still at large.—Central News.

The well-known Chinese actor, Sit Kok-sin, was fined \$50 by Mr. R. Edwards this morning for allowing two dogs abroad without a muzzle in Fuk Kuk Avenue.

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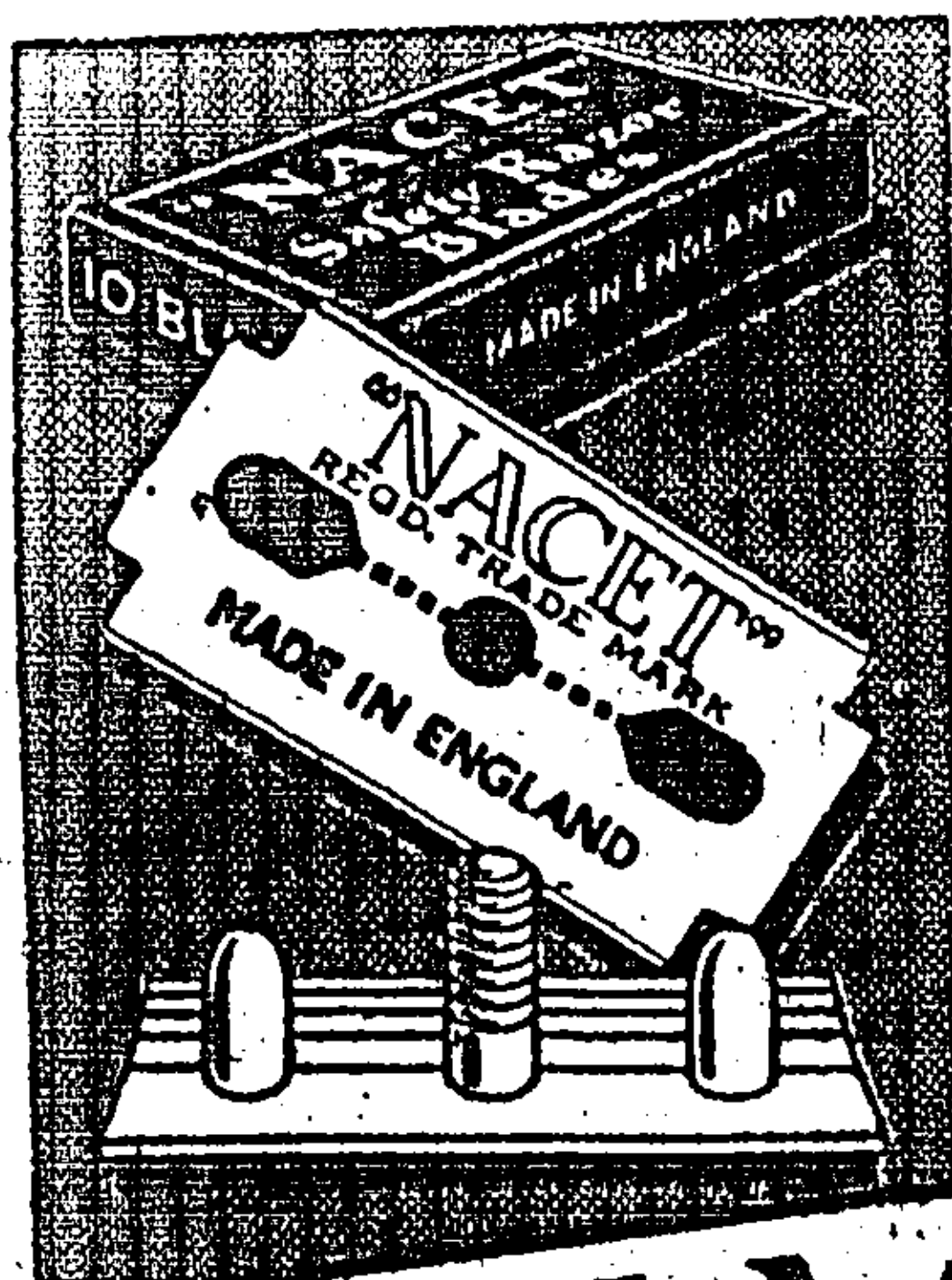
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The Telling Mark

Sheriff Will Carter was amazed to discover that the man on the pinto horse so much resembled himself. The expression on his weather-beaten face did not change as the discovery started a chain of thoughts racing through his mind.

He had heard stories about a man down Pecos way who was a dead ringer for himself. The man's name was Shug Whitman. He was known as a gunman and an outlaw, but so far the law hadn't been able to pin anything on him. Now what, Sheriff Carter asked himself, would this Shug Whitman be doing way up here in Maverick county?

There was only one answer to that. Whitman had come up to join Twisty Mellon, who had robbed the Maverick City bank three weeks ago and whom Carter had been trailing ever since. Twisty had needed help and had sent for Whitman, and here was Whitman on his way to Twisty's hideout.

Of course this was all speculation

"Pshaw! Know you anywhere. Tell by your pictures."

"Yeah? And who are you?"

"Quit kiddin', Twisty. You know danged well I'm Whitman. Guess you're expectin' me?"

"What gives you that idea?"

Carter stopped grinning and looked annoyed. "Listen, feller, maybe I made a mistake. Maybe I ain't wanted. All I know is I'm danged tired of holdin' my paws up."

For a moment the two men looked at each other squarely. Then slowly a grin appeared on Twisty Mellon's face. "O.K., Whitman. Guess you're him. Take 'em down." He reholstered his gun. Carter lowered his arms with a sigh of relief and reached into the top pocket of his shirt for makings that weren't there.

As he did so Twisty Mellon's eyes grew large, then narrowed. A snarl

By Vic Yardman

and rather wild guessing, but Sheriff Carter had reached a point in his hunt for Twisty where he believed wild guessing was as good as any.

"Thanks for the makings, Pilgrim," said Carter, handing back the sack of tobacco. Shug Whitman reached for the sack and Carter grabbed his wrist and yanked him off the back of the pinto. When Shug looked up from his sprawling position on the ground, sputtering curses, he found the business end of the Sheriff's old six-shooter staring him straight in the eye.

Carter was methodical about what he did next. First he relieved Shug Whitman of his shooting iron. Then he handcuffed him and made him climb into the saddle of his, Carter's bay. He roped the gunman's ankles securely beneath the bay's belly, then headed the bay back toward Maverick City and slapped him soundly on the rump.

Carter knew that the bay would go home and knew that when his deputy, Baldy Cross, saw the handcuffed Whitman he, Baldy, would think things over and finally get it through his thick head that something funny had happened. Carter chuckled to himself, thinking of Baldy. Baldy had a sluggish brain, but an accurate eye and a heart of gold.

After the bay had gone, Carter swung aboard the pinto and headed in the direction Whitman had been riding. As he moved along he unpinned the sheriff's star from his shirt and placed it in his pocket. Sooner or later, he hoped, his progress would be interrupted by either Twisty Mellon, or one of his henchmen.

It was a wild guess, but a good one. Two hours later the pinto entered the rocky floor of a canyon. A voice rang out: "Hold up, pardner! Elevate your paws!"

Carter stopped the pinto and raised his hands. A horseman rode out from behind a boulder, holding a six-shooter in his hands. He came up close and peered hard at Carter. The Sheriff grinned.

"Howdy, Twisty. Expectin' me, ain't yuh?"

The stranger's face remained inscrutable. He neither lowered his six-shooter nor grinned in return.

"What makes you think I'm Twisty Mellon?"

escaped his lips.

Carter knew something had happened. He wasn't sure what, but he knew that somehow his masquerade had been revealed.

The reports of the two guns blended into a single roar. Carter felt a hot, searing pain along the length of his right arm. Only with the greatest effort did he keep hold of his gun. He knew that Twisty had been lit, could see him reeling in his saddle. Then Mellon's gun spoke again, and Carter was jerked halfway round by the impact of a bullet against his shoulder.

Instinctively he clutched for support, missed, slipped and plunged to the ground. Consciousness left him.

When Carter opened his eyes he was astonished to see Baldy Cross hovering above him, forcing water between his teeth.

"Baldy! Fer gosh's sake! How'd you git here?"

Baldy spat. "You danged old fool! Go in' off without lettin' me know where to. 'S lucky I come lookin' fer yuh. Met the bay with a jigger tied in the saddle, and got here just in time." He spat.

Carter grinned, then his face took on a puzzled look. "What I can't figure out," he said, "is how Twisty discovered I wasn't Shug Whitman."

"You dumb fool!" Baldy exploded. "Look at that there shirt you're wearin'. Look underneath the breast pocket. An' you call me dumb!"

Carter looked. Beneath (he breast pocket were two readily distinguished small holes—holes made by the heavy pin of his official star.

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'RETURN OF A TRUANT'

THE plump, middle-aged Mr. Samuel Bint of the "Bristol Maid," slackened to a halt in his progress along the platform towards the ticket-barrier. A visage that he had glimpsed but absently, a few moments ago, was recurring on the rim of his mind. Mr. Bint turned, and craned up to look back.

"Damme, and so it was!" exclaimed Mr. Bint, in pleased surprise, and with long strides eagerly returned the way he had come.

His grin widened as he drew near an individual who, while manifestly awaiting a train, appeared sunk in rankling reverie.

He was of a rotundity equal to Mr. Bint's, and clearly a close contemporary to that gentleman in years. His complexion was high, his moustache was like some trophy over an explorer's mantle-shelf, he was clad in the stiff impeccability of "Sunday best," and he wore his bowler hat as through it were austere insignia.

Mr. Bint, now advancing stealthily upon this preoccupied worthy, greeted his shoulder with a resounding smack. The waiting traveller, thus violently disturbed in his meditations, lost not a moment in posing himself in a fistic attitude.

"Come on, all the lot of you!" he bawled, bellicosely. "I'm just in the mood to—"

He stopped to gape incredulously at the beaming Mr. Bint.

"Why, it ain't old Sam Bint!" he marvelled.

"Fancy meeting old Teddy Lumsden again, after all this time!" cried Mr. Bint.

And the pair fell to an affectionate pummeling and pounding of each other in token of mutual gratification in the reunion.

"Why, I ain't seen you since you left the 'Bristol Maid' to get married!" recalled Mr. Bint, when they had subsided to calm.

A faint shadow visited Mr. Lumsden's brow.

"That's so," he agreed, in no particular tone.

"Quite the old married man, you are now," observed Mr. Bint, eyeing his old friend. "Gloves and all, eh?"

"Yes," Mr. Lumsden, and looked misfavouringly on each of his gloved hands in turn, and then put them behind his back.

"Well, and 'ow's married life suiting you?" inquired Mr. Bint.

"Oh, all right," answered the other, quite without enthusiasm.

"And what do you do with yourself, now you've give up the sea?"

"Got a job in a ware 'ouse, but the guv'nor give me a day off, 'eaving it was my birthday. Thought 'e was doing me a favour, I daresay."

"And ain't 'e?" asked Mr. Bint.

Mr. Lumsden eyed his aforetime crony with a certain bleakness, and shook his head.

"Well, and 'ow's the wife?" said Mr. Bint, imagining that he was tactfully changing the subject.

"Same as usual," supplied Mr. Lumsden.

"Any famb'ly?"

Again Mr. Lumsden shook his head. "Thanks be!" he supplemented, briefly.

"Just the two of you, eh?"

"And Emmer!" said Mr. Lumsden, with a certain expletive bitterness. "Don't forget Emmer!"

"And 'oo's 'Emmer?" Mr. Bint asked.

"Wife's sister. Come to stay with us for a few days, a fortnight after we was married, and 'as been with us ever since. Never likely to leave us, now, what's more! She and the missis runs a bit of a shop between 'em. I never even knew what they was up to till I come 'ome from work one evening, and they told me we was moving into the shop the next day! I 'ave to admit that it's doing pretty well, too, but—"

"Never even told you what they was up to? 'Blowed if I'd put up with that kind of treatment!"

"That's only a sample," declared Mr. Lumsden, almost with gloomy pride. "I'm nobody in the 'ome. I ain't!"

"Well, fancy you talking like that, Ted!"

"I know, Sam, but there it is!" sighed Mr. Lumsden. "No one was more surprised, at first than myself."

"Mean to say you lets them two females boss you like that?"

"It ain't a question of 'letting,' Sam. They just does."

"I wonder you don't clear right

why he ascribed the encounter to the kindly intervention of Providence. It seemed that there existed a vacancy in the fore-castle of the "Bristol Maid," and, though she was due to sail that evening at midnight, her skipper was keeping the berth open to oblige Mr. Bint. For Mr. Bint was of opinion that a friend of his, one Jimmy Drew, might care to sign-on for the job, and it was to interview this Mr. Drew that Mr. Bint had come to town by train.

"But," ended Mr. Bint, "jigger old Jimmy Draw, says I, now that I've met you! You shall sign-on in the old 'Bristol Maid' in 'is place! Now, what do you say to that, Ted, eh?"

Mr. Lumsden had been listening raptly, but slowly the light now faded from his face, and he sighed as one turning away from a blissful vista.

"I—I'd like to, Sam," he faltered. "But—but I tell you I daren't! I just daren't. Them two women at 'ome—"

In vain Mr. Bint argued, pleaded, and even threatened. Mr.

stipulated the other, "that you won't try to persuade me no more about that signing on. I know what I am when I gets easy-going, and I don't want to take no risks."

Nor could he be induced a single step towards the refreshment-room till Mr. Bint had made an oath that, for as long as the two might remain in company, he would faithfully observe the condition laid down by Mr. Lumsden.

"By rights," anon remarked Mr. Lumsden, when they were at a bar, "the missis ought to be with me."

"Ho?" inimically commented Mr. Bint.

"What I mean," explained Mr. Lumsden, "is that she was to 'ave come along with me to see Alfred. She fixed that up, soon as she 'eard about me 'aving the day off. And then, this morning, she 'ad word that 'er aunt was ill a-bed, so she went off to see 'er aunt, and sent me off to see Alfred."

"I wonder she lets you go anywhere by yourself."

"I got to meet 'er in town to-night at eight, and go back 'ome with 'er, any way."

"Well, then, that gives you till eight o'clock to enjoy yourself, don't it?" put forward Mr. Bint.

Mr. Lumsden regretfully shook his head. "No, I must go and see Alfred," he said.

"What sort of a bloke is this Alfred?" inquired Mr. Bint, somewhat restively.

"Well, 'e ain't my sort," stated the other. "Tall and thin, with wispy eyebrows, and smiles as if it 'urt 'im. Mind you, 'e's got a very nice little place down there in Kent. Grows lots of flowers and vegetables, and things, as a 'obby. 'E's very good at that. Well, every man's got something, ain't 'e?"

Mr. Bint emptied his glass, and waited.

"My missis, she—she knows exactly 'ow much I've got, Sam," mentioned Mr. Lumsden, abashedly. "I—I'm sorry."

"'Eaven 'as spared me. I'm single," said Mr. Bint, simply. "You gotter 'ave another with me."

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Short
Story

By F. Morton
Howard

out, and leave them to their-selves!" declared Mr. Bint, indignantly.

"Well I'll tell you why I don't, Sam," responded Mr. Lumsden, gazing down at the platform. "It's because I daren't, and that's a fact! I 'ave thought of it, more than once, but I—I daren't. Sam, and I never will dare, neether, 'eaven 'elp me!"

"Am I talking to my old ship mate, Ted Lumsden, or am I talking to an—an I-don't-know what?" Mr. Bint, in outraged accents, appealed to the universe.

"You ain't talking to the Ted Lumsden-as-was, I can tell you that," sadly stated the other. "Them two women 'ave got me right under their thumbs, Sam. They've kep' on till they've took every bit o' sperrit out of me. I ain't got a shred of pluck left, and—and—"

"Mr. Lumsden's tone tailed away into a mournful silence. Mr. Bint, viewing his friend's woebegone countenance with sympathetic concern, was suddenly moved to a little start of excitement.

"Ever think of the 'igh old times you and me used to 'ave together. Ted, when you was with the 'Bristol Maid'?" he asked.

"I've often and often thought of 'em," said Mr. Lumsden, slowly.

"Good old days, they was!"

"Good old days, they was," forlornly echoed Mr. Lumsden.

"Well, then, why not come back with me, and 'ave some more of 'em?" urged Mr. Bint. "That can be arranged quite easy!"

"You—you mean I could sail again on the old 'Bristol Maid'?"

"Providence must 'ave arranged for us to meet, this werry day, on purpose!" averred Mr. Bint.

And he proceeded to explain

Lumsden was not to be seduced from the tyranny that enslaved him.

"Oh, well, if you won't, you won't!" at last surrendered Mr. Bint, with illgrace. "Go and strangle yourself with their petti-cut-strings! I've done with you! We'll just 'ave one drink together, and then—"

"I—I dunno as I can," demurred Mr. Lumsden. "I ain't got the time to spare. I've got to go and see Alfred."

"And 'oo the 'ell may 'Alfred' be?" demanded Mr. Bint.

"Wife's brother," supplied Mr. Lumsden. "'E lives down in Kent. Ah, 'ere comes my train! Goo'-bye, Sam, old man—glad to 'ave seen you again."

The train came to a standstill. Mr. Lumsden, taking a corner seat, smiled with pathetic resignation upon the xexed and thwarted Mr. Bint. Mr. Bint, however, posed aloof and scornful, and it was not till the guard's whistle was shrilling that he allowed kinder emotions to master him.

"Dammed if I'm going to let an old pal go like that!" he cried, and wresting open the carriage door, he grabbed Mr. Lumsden by the coat-collar, and hauled him out on to the platform.

Mr. Lumsden, mentioning again and again the name "Alfred" as though it were a pass-word to loosen the grasp of his captor, struggled hard to regain the carriage. Mr. Bint's hold, however, was inescapable, and the train left without Mr. Lumsden.

"Now you've done it!" he gasped, all but appalled.

"We're going to 'ave just one in memory of my old pal, Ted Lumsden-as-was," inexorably announced Mr. Bint.

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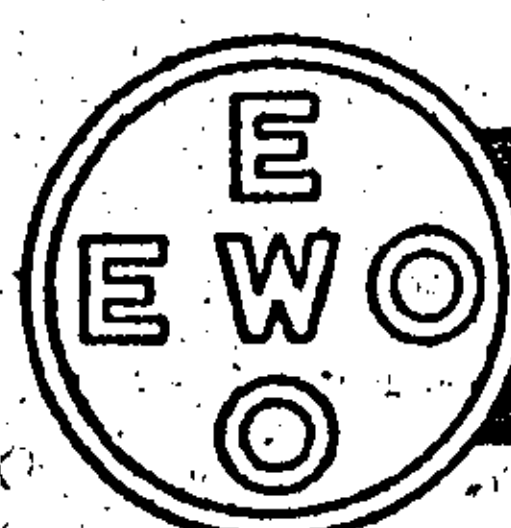
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There were few members in the House of Commons yesterday for a debate on the second reading of the Water Supply Bill. "If only we had been dealing with beer," said Mr. R. C. Morrison (Lab., Tottenham, N.), "there would have been a much bigger attendance."

The House was drear, the House was "dry:"

It lent a shrinking ear,
It turned a dull and fishy eye
To Water, pure and clear.

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And interest mayhap:
One missed the happy, rising din
Of eloquence on tap.

"If only we were talking beer!"
Came comment with a sight
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(Below)—Lee Wai-tong, Chinese centre-forward, in a duel with H. C. Remedios, Portugal's right back, in the "Sunday Herald" Cup final.

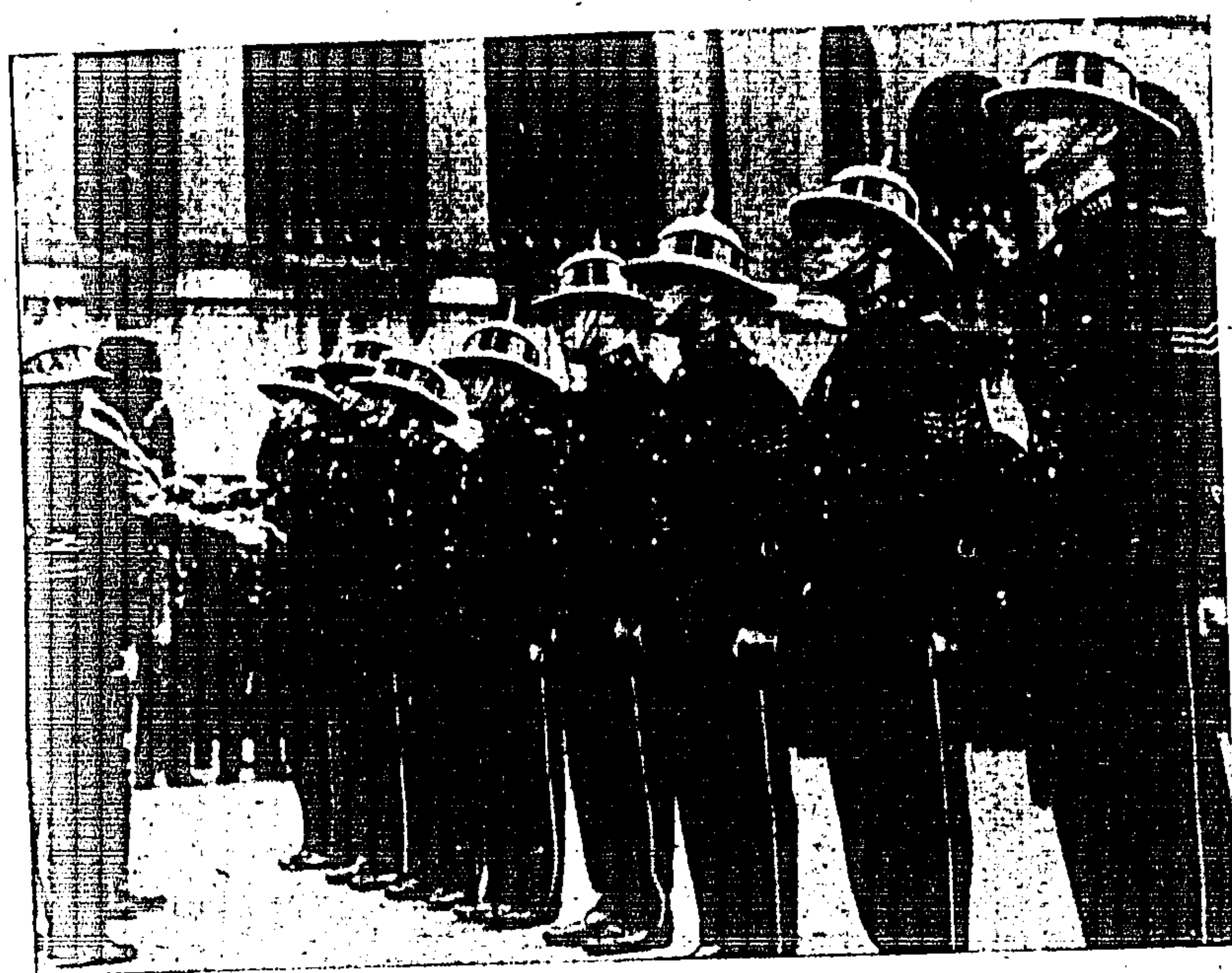




Flag-Captain Gribelly of the French cruiser "Lamotte Picquet." (Bann's Studio).



Officers of the "Lamotte Picquet" photographed on board the cruiser in Hong Kong. (Bann's Studio).



H.E. the Governor shaking hands with one of the recipients of awards at Central Police Station.



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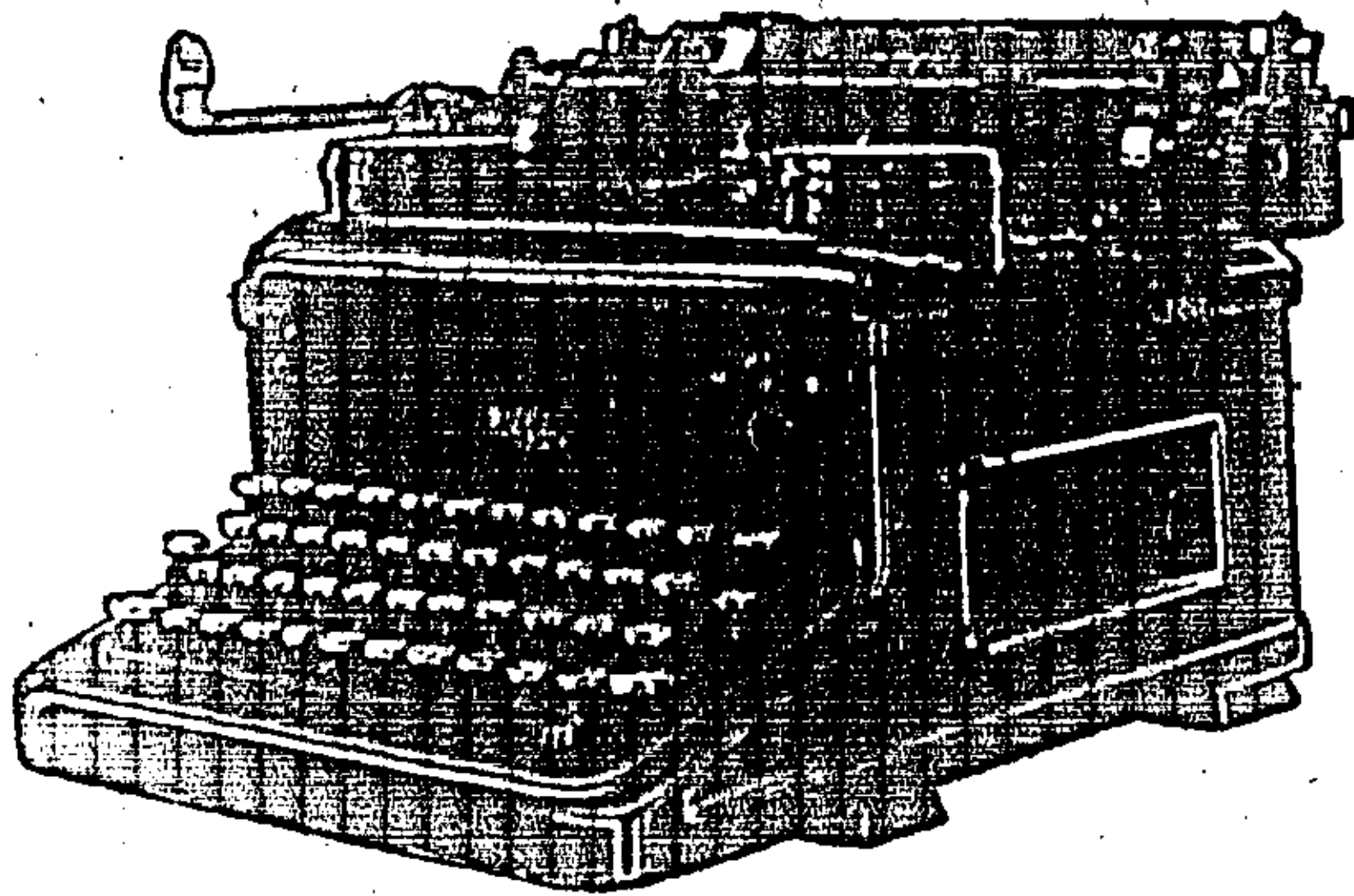
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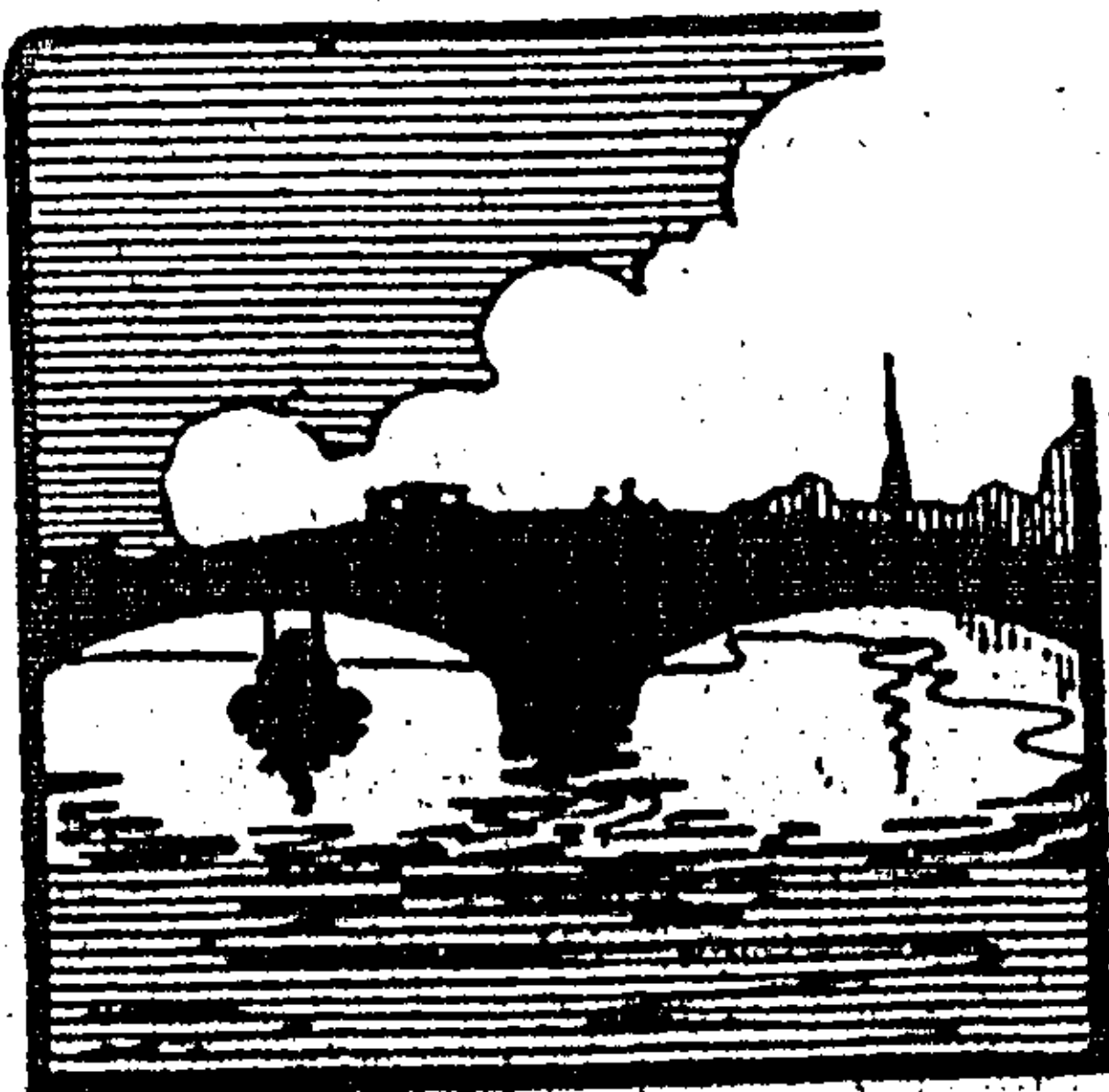
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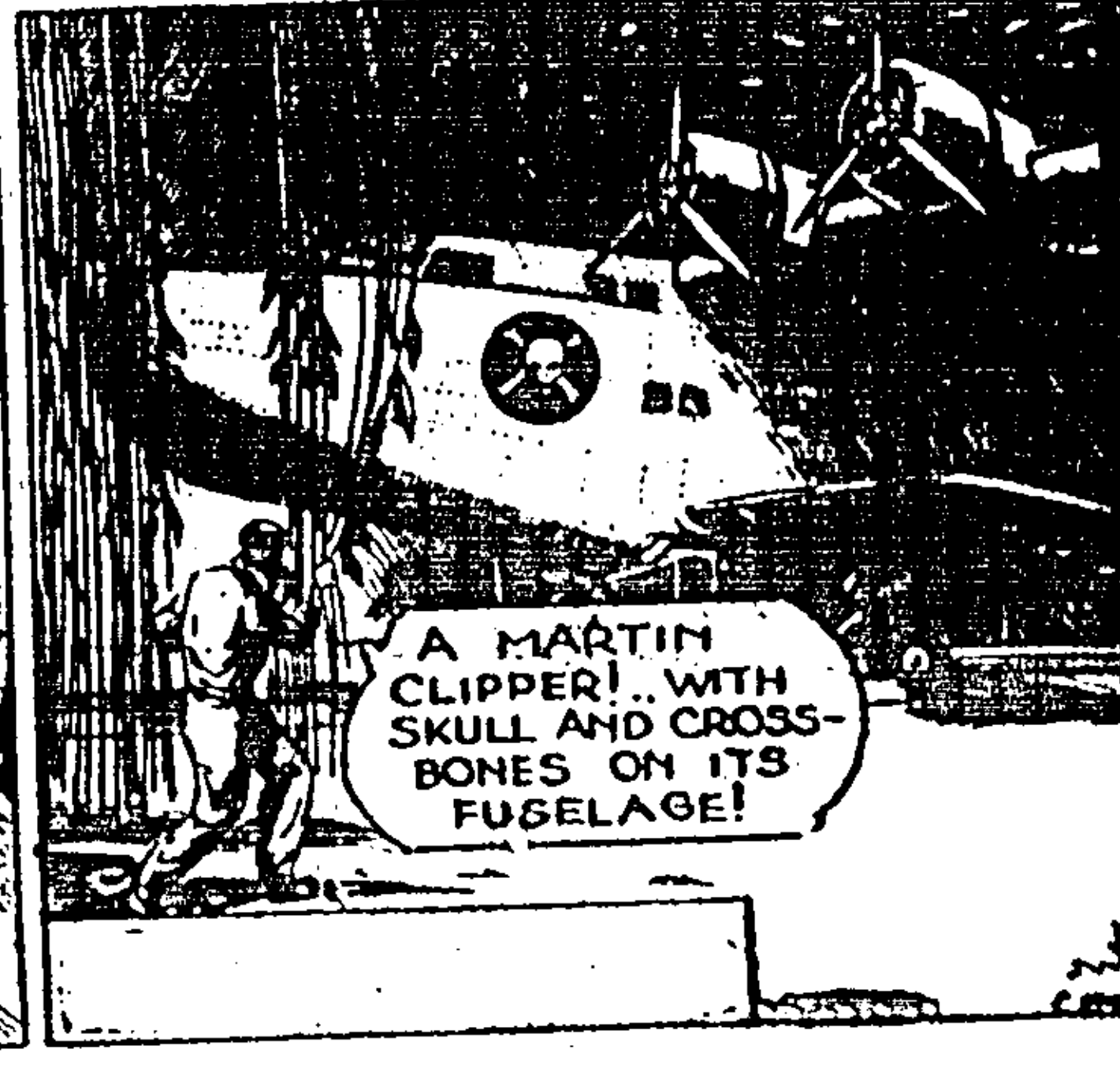
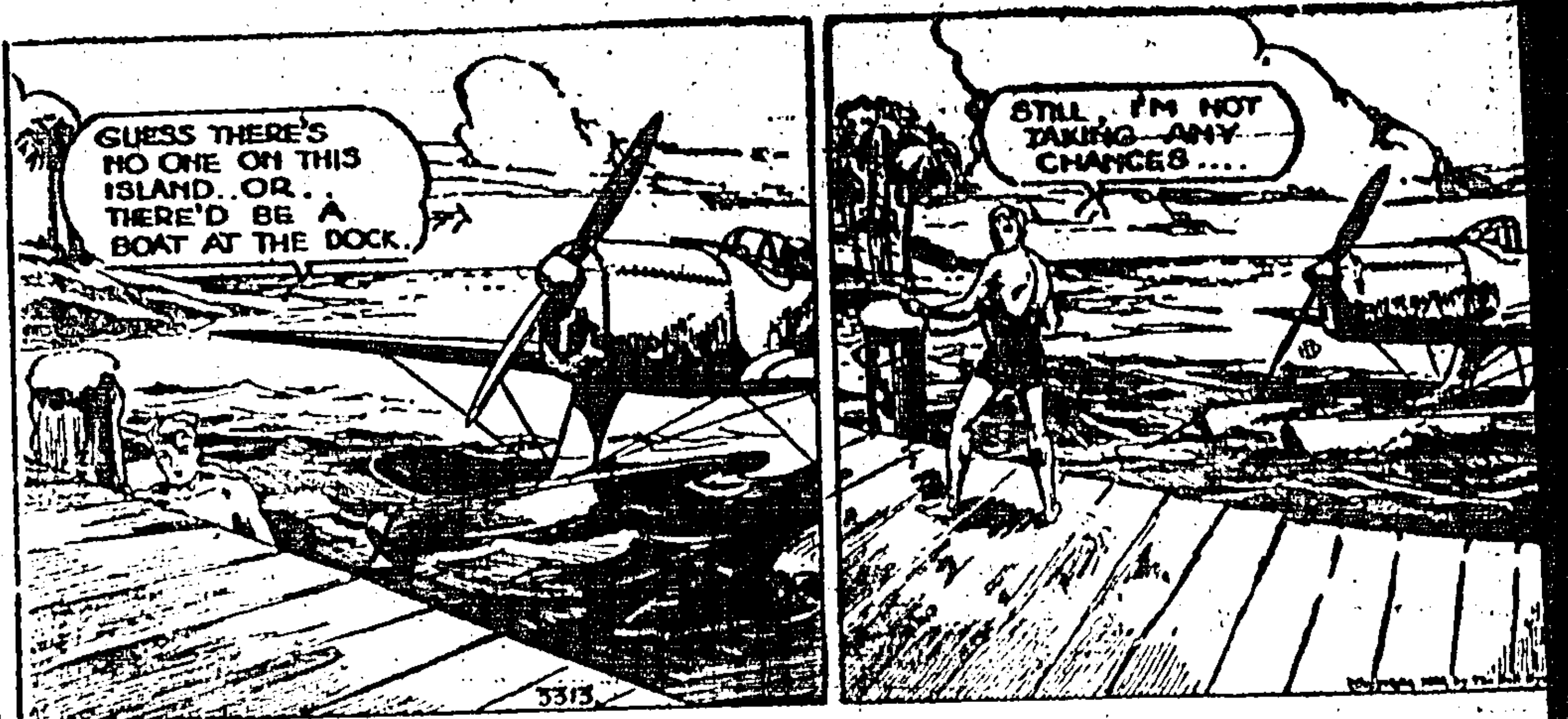
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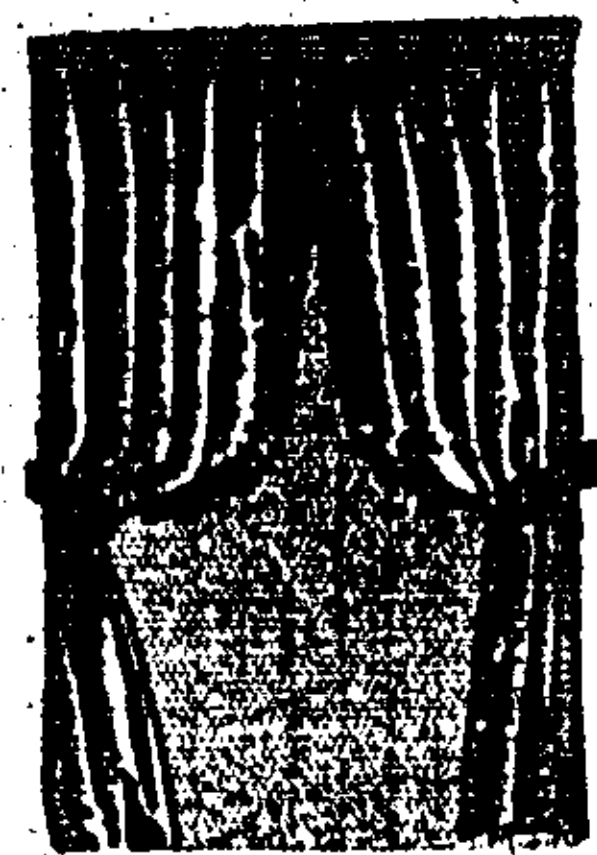
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Four Thousand Japanese Set Up Business In Canton

TWO SIDES TO THE PICTURE

Canton, To-day.

Setting an all-time high record, the Japanese population of Canton has passed the 4,000 mark, it was announced at the weekly press conference.

Up to the end of March, it was stated, Japanese subjects in Canton, including Koreans and Formosans but excluding military, numbered 4,415.

This number included 800 women, including 300 geisha girls, waitresses and entertainers.

The Japanese population of Canton has never at any previous time exceeded 4,000.

The far greater number of Japanese in Canton are following the profession of clerks in banks and commercial concerns.

There are 1,600 clerks, while at the other extreme, only one Japanese is engaged in farming.

Some 40 Japanese doctors and nurses are in the city, while there are 14 civil engineers and contractors, four teachers, seven monks and 25 photographers.

JAPANESE BUSINESSES

Japanese businesses in Canton at present are said to include 60 import and export firms, 90 hotels and restaurants, 80 grocery and general merchandise stores, 18 barber shops, seven shipping firms, six trucking and forwarding concerns, and 21 masonry and carpentry establishments.—Reuter.

This official Japanese report on Canton, cabled by Reuter, tends to present a misleading picture of Canton.

The "China Mail's" information, from very reliable foreign sources, speaks of disillusioned Japanese businessmen with large stocks of useless commodities on their hands, unable to sell, there being no purchasers.

STOCKS ROTTING

Stocks of food in groceries, it is understood, are rotting, and many Japanese are returning to their own country, having been unable to stand the losses sustained by opening business in what is still a far from normal city.

WOMAN DRIVER CAUTIONED

Mrs. H.M. Fanshawe, of Prince Edward Road, was this morning cautioned by Mr. Q.A.A. Macfadyen at Kowloon when summoned for leaving her car unattended in Salisbury Road, near Star Ferry, on March 30 at 3.35 p.m. Mrs. Fanshawe said she left the car there for two minutes.

Pleading guilty to a similar offence through a representative, Mr. Feroze Ali, of Cliff Road, was fined \$4. His car was found unattended on the wrong side of Saigon Street between 9.30 p.m. and 11.20 p.m.

Mrs. H. L. Engels, was fined \$6 by Mr. R. Edwards this morning, for allowing her dog abroad without a muzzle.

Another Inch of Rain

Another 1.24 inches of rain fell in the 24 hours ending at 10 o'clock this morning.

This brings the total this year to 17.64 inches, 8.08 inches above average.

The Royal Observatory reported this morning that the anticyclone has moved eastward and now covers the Pacific to the east and south-west of Japan. A depression is now moving north-eastward over Korea.

A trough of low pressure extends from Tongking, across the northern part of the China Sea, to at night.

GOVERNMENT'S CAMP BILL

London, To-day.

The principle business in the Commons yesterday was consideration in committee of the Government's Camp Bill, which facilitates the provision of permanent camps for school use in peace time and evacuation purposes in war through the agency of non-profit making companies.—British Wireless.

Formosa.

Local forecast: East and South-East winds, moderate; cloudy, local showers, probably some fog or mist at night.



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BUDGET SPECULATIONS

Sir John Simon is to introduce his second rearmament Budget in the House of Commons next week and there is much trade speculation as to the inferences that can be drawn from the unusual notice given recently by the Customs department restricting certain withdrawals from bond. These affect tea, sugar, molasses, glucose, saccharin, and tobacco, and restrict withdrawals to two-sixteenths of the amounts delivered in 1938. The notice came six weeks ahead of the Budget, instead of two or three days. It was at first thought that it portended an increase in the duty on these commodities, but now there are other opinions.

As regards sugar, the subsidy on the home-grown product amounts to something like £3,000,000 a year, and if the Chancellor has in mind to withdraw part or a whole of the subsidy now that the beet sugar industry seems to be on its feet, it would not be amiss that withdrawals should be under control.

Another point is that the committee which is now in the West Indies investigating the labour troubles will almost certainly ask for financial help for the sugar industry there, and the Chancellor may have it in mind to divert a part of the existing subsidy to the West Indies. Control of the sugar by-product, molasses, for the time being seems to fit in with this thesis.

The duty on sugar varies from 1s. 10d. to 4s. 7d. per cwt. according to the degree of polarisation, and it represents a con-

siderable portion of the retail cost. An increase in the duty is therefore not a foregone conclusion, although the price of sugar has gone up in Mincing Lane. Hence the restriction amendment.

The duty on tea is now 8d. a pound, with 2d. a pound preference on Empire tea, which forms the greater part of Britain's supply. During the war the duty was a shilling. The conclusion now is that the Chancellor was either steadying abnormal out-of-bond movements for the closing few weeks or else making sure that there will be plenty of tea to bear additional taxation. The balance of opinion is on the former point.

The tobacco position is different. In spite of the present duty of 8s. a pound, consumption of tobacco has steadily increased for several years. The duty is easily collected, and the Chancellor may not find it easy to resist an increase which could be justified as a luxury tax.

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The Orderly Life

There is a certain flavour of other days about the Bishop of London's remark, in the course of a parting sermon in the City, that one of the secrets of both happiness and success in life "is to be orderly, methodical, and punctual." It sounds a little like Samuel Smiles, who certainly quoted with approval the maxim "Punctuality is the politeness of princes," and added that it was the duty of gentlemen and the necessity of men of affairs. As for precision of method and arrangement, we have Pope's assurance that "Order is Heaven's first law," though of recent years less has been heard about such aspects of the virtuous life. It will be noticed, too, that the Bishop of London did not actually bestow a certificate of moral merit upon order, method, and punctuality; all he said was that they were among the things that would lead to happiness and success. What they certainly do is to ease the passage through daily life for oneself and other people; they act as lubricants, whereas confusion and delay act as grit in the machine. Perhaps one reason why earlier generations praised them so frequently was because they were then less often applied; many important records of the past were kept in an exceedingly haphazard and muddled condition. The filing systems and indexes of to-day represent a tremendous advance on the rule-of-thumb accumulations of our ancestors; if we have much more material stowed away, we have also applied much greater method to its storage. And one might think that, with all our various triumphs in speed of transport, punctuality should be rather easier than in the days of stage coach and unmetalled quagmires for roads. Our resources for the orderly life are much better marshalled than they were; therefore there may be more of us happy than there used to be, though it is odd to think of the filing cabinet as a symbol of the delectable life. And genius, tidy or untidy, will always, no doubt, continue to blaze its own way through to success, for whatever else genius may be it has been truly observed that it is certainly not an infinite capacity for taking pains. But genius is not always, or even often, happy. Method and mediocrity take the

Dr. Leslie Burgin To Become Minister Of Supply

NAVY AND AIR FORCE TO TAKE OWN MEASURES

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, announced in the House of Commons yesterday that the Government had decided that a Bill be introduced as soon as possible to establish a Ministry of Supply.

The Ministry would be under a Minister who is a member of the Cabinet, and Dr. Leslie Burgin, at present Minister of Transport, had been appointed to the new post. There would be a new Minister of Transport, the Premier added.

IL DUCE, HITLER AND HUNGARY

London, To-day.

London papers publish lengthy reports from Berlin correspondents describing the general atmosphere in Berlin on the Fuehrer's birthday.

The correspondents emphasise that the Fuehrer was greeted with tremendous jubilation by the crowds which lined the new East-West thoroughfare when the Fuehrer formally opened this avenue to general traffic.

Political correspondents continue to publish speculations regarding the probable contents of the Fuehrer's speech before the Reichstag on April 28 and refer to rumours prevalent in Paris which assert that the Fuehrer's reply to Mr. Roosevelt's message will take the form of sensational counter-proposals which will include a demand for solution of the colonial question.

The forthcoming Venice meeting of the Italian Minister, Count Ciano, and the Yugoslavian Foreign Minister, Markovitch, is regarded as an extremely important event by the political correspondents of the papers who reckon with the possibility of an Italo-Yugoslavian military alliance, with the inclusion of Hungary as third partner. — Trans-Ocean.

GERMAN CONTRACT FOR TURKISH NAVAL BASE

Ankara, To-day.

After keen competition from British and Dutch firms, a German group has obtained a contract from the Turkish Government for construction of an up-to-date Turkish naval base at Gueldjukon, in the Gulf of Ismid.

The base involves expenditure of nearly £2,500,000.

The Dutch firm which submitted

The Bill would be so framed so as to enable a Ministry of Supply in the full sense to be set up.

The Ministry would take over responsibility for certain stores of general use which the War Office had already supplied to other departments, including certain civil defence requirements.

It was a splendid system, and would be progressively extended as was found desirable.

ARMY SUPPLY

The Ministry would deal with problems of army supply, which were now considerably expanded as result of the recent decisions to increase the Army strength.

The new Ministry would also take over responsibility for the acquisition and maintenance of reserves of essential metals and other raw materials required in connexion with the defence programmes.

RESEARCH DEPARTMENTS

Branches transferred from the War Office to the Ministry would include those responsible for research, design and experiment, production and inspection and the Royal ordnance factories.

There would be a provision to secure priority for Government orders.

It was proposed to establish a Ministerial priority committee on the lines of the committee which towards the end of the Great War performed the duty of settling questions of priority resulting from the demands of the several Services.

WHY?

Mr. C. R. Attlee, leader of the Labour Opposition, asked why the new Ministry should deal only with War Office requirements.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that the reason was that present arrangements for supply in connection with the Admiralty and Air Force were working extremely well, and it was felt that to interfere with those arrangements would reduce, instead of increase, output.

Powers under the Bill, however, would enable a Ministry of Supply in the full sense to be set up if it was considered desirable at any time. — Reuter.

a tender for the base had worked for three years on plans for the new naval base. — Reuter.

LINDBERGH CONFERS WITH ROOSEVELT

Washington, To-day.

Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, who is now "on active service," conferred with President Roosevelt yesterday. — Reuter.

SIR ROBERT VANSITTART'S PARIS VISIT

Paris, To-day.

POLITICAL circles here attach considerable importance to the visit to Paris of the Diplomatic Adviser to the British Cabinet, Sir Robert Vansittart.

Sir Robert had a prolonged conference yesterday afternoon with M. Daladier, at the Ministry of War. — Trans-Ocean.

U.S. AIR BASE BILL PASSED

Washington, To-day.

The National Defence Bill, authorising expenditure of \$66,800,000 on naval air bases, was finally passed in amended form by the House

Bulgaria To Stay Neutral

Sofia, To-day.

THE Bulgarian Premier, M. Kiossievannoff, at a secret meeting of the foreign committee of the Sobranje (Parliament) yesterday, declared Bulgaria remained strictly neutral.

Her policy was "wait and see," he announced, and added she had not received any invitation to join any group of powers.

The Premier added he had not concluded any secret treaty with any State, and promised never to conclude such a treaty or declare war without consulting the Sobranje.

M. Kiossievannoff said Bulgaria's claims to the Southern Debrudja as an outlet through Thrace to the Aegean Sea had been presented to Rumania and Greece "at appropriate moments." — Reuter.

of Representatives yesterday and sent to the White House for signature.

The Senate amendment, adding \$17,000,000 for an air base near Jacksonville, was accepted without demur. — Reuter.



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War Fears And Insurance

Mr. Dodwell's Speech At Union Insurance Meeting

SURVEY OF WORLD CONDITIONS

Reference to world conditions and its effect on the Society's business was made by the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, presiding at the Annual General Meeting of the Union Insurance Society of Canton Limited this morning.

In a comprehensive survey, the Chairman commented on the wars in Spain and China, the European tension last September and the fall of exchange of the Chinese National Currency, all factors affecting the Society's working.

Of the more important activities of the Society, the Chairman mentioned the purchase of the share capital of the British Oak Insurance Co. Ltd., the object of which was to further extend the business of the firm in the Home and Dominions fields.

The Chairman said:—Nervous tension during 1937, due to the ever present fear of war, reached dangerous heights in the early part of 1938, and culminated in September in a crisis that brought Europe to the brink of war. Thereafter, political and economical insecurity increased and capital that should have been used productively was turned over to the sterile business of producing weapons of destruction.

Wars in Spain and China continued throughout the year without cessation, and although the first mentioned has now terminated the latter continues with increasing destruction.

These disturbing factors have necessarily had their influence on international trade and it is rather remarkable that the detrimental effects have not been greater than is apparent at the moment.

EMPIRE TRADE

Trade in the British Empire during the year was reasonably satisfactory. In the early months there was a falling off that caused considerable anxiety, but a steadier condition developed and prevailed until the year closed. In America there were welcome signs of recovery towards the end of the year and it is sincerely to be hoped that these will develop sufficiently to re-establish the confidence of the investing public, for until this occurs it is difficult to feel assured that the Trade revival has a really solid foundation. The working of the Anglo-American and other Trade Agreements should provide a freer interchange of goods with benefit to many parts of the world.

In the Far East, commercial activity has been handicapped by the Sino-Japanese hostilities and, until a settlement of this unfortunate happening is reached, the existing state of uncertainty must continue. Its effect upon the Society's business has been rather curious, for in some cases the fall in exchange of the Chinese National Currency has had the effect of providing higher insurable value in National Dollars, with a consequent increase in Dollar Premium. The decrease in volume has however been unfortunate. The effect of the Exchange drop has been felt by the Society more particularly in the Sterling value of its Bond and Debenture investments and earnings, although, in Chinese Currency, there has been a substantial increase in the market value of the investments.

NEW COMPANIES

Before turning to our Underwriting, I wish to refer to some important events that occurred in our affairs during the year. The first is the purchase by the Society of the Share Capital of The British Oak Insurance Company Limited. The primary object of this purchase was to further extend the business of our Group in the Home and Dominion fields. This was particularly desirable as we have in the past been handicapped to some extent by the misapprehension that the Society, having the word "Canton" incorporated in its Title is adversely affected by the political happenings in the Far East. That apprehension on this account is entirely unwarranted has been established by the Statements made from time to time from this Chair to the effect that the Society's

business is world-wide and the major portion of its Investments and Income are unaffected by Far Eastern difficulties.

While the above assurance was effective to a large degree, the acquisition of a Home Company will undoubtedly be very helpful in further emphasising the British character of the Society.

A further step in the Society's expansion was the decision to purchase the outstanding shares in the Beaver Insurance Co. Ltd. This Company is incorporated in Canada and the Society has owned an interest in it since 1920.

FAR EASTERN TO LIQUIDATE
An adjustment on the other side of the ledger is the decision to put The Far Eastern Insurance Co. Ltd. into Voluntary Liquidation. This Company, a subsidiary of The Yangtze Insurance Association, has never been really active and its continuation was the cause of unnecessary labour and expense.

In my remarks last year I referred to Claims paid in connection with our Guarantee business, and stated that negotiations for a readjustment of the matter were in progress. Unfortunately, it has not been possible to reach an agreement and the points at issue will have to be referred to the Courts for a decision.

I now turn to the Underwriting. The normal difficulties of this business were accentuated during 1938 by the need for increased care in selection due to the hazards inseparable from an involved international political situation.

In the Marine market the London Hull Agreement of 1937 which provided for an increase in rates was supplemented in 1938 by a further Agreement under which risks that had brought bad results in the past would pay a further increase. The additional premium acquired under these Agreements will in some measure offset the increased cost of repairs and the heavy casualties the Hull market has had to face during recent years.

IMPROVING TENDENCY

Cargo results show an improving tendency although rates are at a low level and the practice continues of including extraneous risks in Policies without adequate compensation. It is regrettable that the competitive factor makes it impossible for any one Company to avoid following this unprofitable practice. War Risk coverage presented many difficulties, and while premium derived under this heading served to swell income, the uncertainty of the future gave Underwriters cause for much anxiety.

In the First field it is anticipated that Underwriting during 1938 will have been satisfactory to the majority of Companies. Premium income in the United Kingdom and Australia was maintained, while the Loss experience was, if anything, somewhat lighter than in 1937. In America the advance in income in recent years slowed down somewhat, and in Canada there was some decrease on last year's figure.

I am pleased to say our own Income in all sections shows an increase over the preceding year and the results to date have been encouraging, profit being indicated from practically all fields.

Our Accident and General business has been well maintained and the sections that have called for so much attention in recent years now show a distinct improvement.

REVENUE ACCOUNTS

As regards the Revenue Accounts, you will see in the Marine section that the balance of the 1937 Account on

31st December 1938, namely, £39,930.10.8, has been transferred to the credit of the Underwriting Suspense Account. This amount will not be sufficient to satisfy third and subsequent years' claims, but the Underwriting Suspense Account has a balance sufficient to meet additional claims which may arise.

While it is difficult to forecast the result of the 1938 Marine Account, the position at 31st December was a balance in hand of £482,791.14.0, representing 48.85% of the relative premium, and this can be regarded as satisfactory.

It should be mentioned here that the provision for Contributory Bonus which has heretofore appeared in the Profit and Loss Account has on this occasion been dealt with in the Marine Revenue Account by deducting the estimated cost from the net premium. I might add that the cost is estimated at somewhat less than last year.

In the Fire Revenue Account, you will note the transfer of £70,077.5.7. to the Profit and Loss Account and a similar transfer is made in the sum of £11,273.16.4. from the Accident Account. The last mentioned is particularly satisfactory in that for each of the past three years this Account has suffered a loss.

FALL IN INTEREST

In the Profit and Loss Account, the fall in interest as compared with last year is due in part to the decision that the newly acquired British Oak Insurance Co. Ltd., should declare no dividend this year. The "British Oak" earned interest as in previous years but it is considered advisable to conserve its funds for the time being. For a similar reason the Beaver Insurance Co. Ltd., will declare no dividend for this year. The normal interest will undoubtedly be earned, so the non-receipt of a dividend by the Society in each case is purely an Accounting matter. The Society's interest was also adversely affected by the depreciation in the Sterling value of the currency of China.

In the Balance Sheet the Underwrit-

ing Suspense Account is down by £238,365.13.0. This is largely due to payments in respect of the Guarantee business to which I have already made reference. While the Society has been making gross payments in respect of this business, certain reinsurance and other recoveries have yet to be effected.

There is an increase in the Reinsurance Fund, but the Exchange and Investment Fluctuation Account is reduced due to the writing down to Subsidiary Companies, including the writing off of the sum paid for the Goodwill of the "British Oak." Depreciation of investments, and the drop in the value of the Chinese Dollar have also adversely affected the Account.

I cannot close without reference to the valuable service the Society has received from its Staff and Agents throughout the world. That we are able to place before you to-day a satisfactory Statement of our affairs is due to the energy and enthusiasm with which each member has carried out his duties.

Supporting the chairman were the following directors:—Messrs. C. Blaker, J. Owen Hughes, K. S. Morrison, H. V. Wilkinson and A. W. Hughes, General Manager.

Messrs. S. H. Dodwell and H. V. Wilkinson were re-elected to the Board of Directors while Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Lowe Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors for the year at a remuneration of \$3,000 each.

Paris, To-day.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet, speaking yesterday at a banquet in his honour by the American Club in Paris, declared that understanding and co-operation between France and the United States have been given a new basis as well as a new expression by President Roosevelt's message. — Trans-Ocean.

ARMoured CARS ARRIVE AT WINDHOEK: SMUTS ON NAZI TACTICS IN AFRICA

Windhoek, To-day.

Four hundred police from the Union, armed with a large number of Bren guns and accompanied by four armoured cars, arrived here yesterday. This is in accordance with the scheme for amalgamating the South-West African police force with the Union police force.

Reason for the move was the receipt of reports that sabotage was to be attempted in South-West Africa by Nazis.

However, Germans in South-West Africa celebrated Hitler's birthday by flying swastika flags from their homes and offices and the town otherwise presents a normal appearance.

All is quiet and there have been no disturbances. — Reuter.

NAZI TACTICS

General Smuts, the Minister of Justice, introducing the Bill for incorporation of the two police forces, declared that the Union would not countenance Nazi infiltration tactics in South-West Africa.

He declared that there was evidence to show that hundreds of young Germans had been sent from South-West Africa to the Reich and had returned fully educated in the National Socialist ideology and as the same time having completed a full course of military training.

General Smuts compared these "tactics" with those pursued by Germany in Austria, but declared

that South-West Africa would not so easily succumb.

HERTZOG SPEECH

The Premier, General Hertzog, very strongly criticised a Nationalist member who suggested that the return of S.W. Africa to Germany would do no harm.

Says Trans-Ocean, General Hertzog, after condemnation of the principle of peace at any price, declared: I maintain that the giving up of South-West Africa would be the giving up of the Union.

"We shall defend our citizens in South-West Africa just as in any other part of the Union."

ORDER CANCELLED

Johannesburg, To-day.

A detachment of 200 members of the African police force which were under orders to leave Pretoria yesterday evening for South West Africa found, at the last minute, that the journey had been cancelled. The reason given is that conditions in South-West Africa are not now such as to justify the despatch of further police reinforcements.—Trans-Ocean.

News Snack Bar

STORY OF MAN IN 12,500,000 WORDS

The story of "Man", in 12,500,000 words, has just been completed. It was begun in February, 1896, as a complete history of world civilisation, and for forty years the experts of Cambridge University have been faithful to it.

So next month the twelfth volume of the Cambridge Ancient History will appear, completing the third of the series — the Modern History having been finished in 1910 and the Medieval History in 1936.

The planning of the work was carried out in detail by the late Lord Acton. In all 366 expert contributors of all nationalities have written the forty volumes.

RATEPAYERS "PLAGUED BY TOO MANY INSPECTORS"

The National Organisation of Ratepayers, while fully recognising the necessity of safeguarding public health, complains that ratepayers are "plagued by too many inspectors" who are "fast becoming a nuisance."

The declaration is contained in the "Ratepayers' Charter," which will be distributed to 250 local associations. The charter sets out eleven "grouses" against high rates and certain activities of local government.

SUICIDES 600 A YEAR

Nearly 9,000 deaths were reported to London coroners during 1938—100 less than in 1937. Nearly 600 were suicides (about two a day), a third of these being persons over sixty. Inquests cost the L.C.C. over £38,000.

ANOTHER CRUISER FOR NAVY

Britain's latest cruiser, Phoebe, was launched in Glasgow by the Countess of Elgin.

There have already been four Phoebes in the Navy; the last being a 1,044 tons destroyer launched in 1916. The new Phoebe is one of ten of the same class.

QUEEN MARY'S PLAY RECORD

Queen Mary, by attending seventeen plays — including a performance at the India Office — in five weeks, has created a remarkable record.



A PARSON WHO VISITS THE PUBLIC-HOUSES. — Considered by his parishioners as "a sporty parson", the Reverend A. Jeffries, vicar of Chipperfield, Hertfordshire, regularly visits the village inns and takes a glass of wine with the local inhabitants and chats about all the news of the week. Photo shows the Rev. A. Jeffries leaving "The Two Brewers" on the village green after a chat in the saloon bar with his parishioners.

WOMAN IN TURKEY'S PARLIAMENT

Fourteen women were among the 424 deputies elected to the sixth Turkish Parliament.

GETS £1,000, AND £3 A WEEK

From her £65,023, Miss Mary Esther Cunliffe, of Cornwall-gardens, Kensington, left bequests to maids. To parlourmaid Annie Hurt she gave £1,000 and £3 a week. Alice Wakeley, her housemaid, receives £250 and a similar annuity. A sum not exceeding one year's wages is to be given other servants.

TRIBE ON TRIAL

Five hundred women of Chief Shembe's tribe are on trial in the Natal village of Verulam on a charge of culpable homicide. They are accused of having stoned to death a native who made an attack on the chief. The trial is the biggest in South African history.

PRESENTED FROM COURT

From London police courts. Motorist at Highgate: When you start to drive a car you begin to realise what driving a car is like.

Police-Constable at Tower Bridge: I told the defendant he would be reported and he said: What am I going to say to the wife?

Defendant at Highgate: I agree that the police-constable warned me. I thought that meant that I had three more chances.

Witness at Willesden: I'm not the sort of man who throws himself away on women.

Man at Willesden: Married life is full of memories—mostly, however, of unpaid bills.



An epee demonstration is to be given at the Royal Agricultural Hall, shortly. The display will include foil fights, rapier, dagger and small sword fighting and many of those taking part will be in period costume. Photo shows a sixteenth century rapier and dagger duel between Sybil Perigal (nearest camera) and Reginald Behmer during a rehearsal for the display.

3RD BIRTHDAY AT SIXTY-EIGHT

Supposing you, like Mr. Charles Bond, West Hoathly (Sussex) farmer, had been born on Good Friday, April 7, 1871, how many Good Friday birthdays would you have celebrated since then? Work it out and you will find the answer is one—in 1882. So Mr. Bond's birthday, this year, will be a notable one. Why? Look it up.

Mrs. J. Partridge, of Vine-land, Brooklyn (Warwick) has a silver thimble inscribed "From Mick to Ella." She is keeping it for luck after having found it embedded in a carrot she was peeling.

While helping to demolish old houses in Artillery-street, London, S.E., Mr. F. Magrath, of Martin-street, Bermondsey, S.E., found a map of London published in 1560.

Mrs. Whitehouse of Coomer-road, Fulham, London, S.W., and her baby, according to their birth certificates, were both a day old before being officially recognised as having been born. Mrs. Whitehouse's certificate is dated the 5th instead of the 4th, and her baby, born on the 26th, is registered for the 27th.

Five birthdays and a wedding day are celebrated in five days by the Price family at Landport. Portsmouth. Mrs. Price was born on April 1 and married on her birthday. Two daughters were born on March 31, and a third daughter and a son on April 3 and 4 respectively.

The authorities are rather sharp on motorists at Woolwich, judging by an endorsement on the driving licence by Mr. F. Field, of Netley-road, Newbury Park, Ilford (Essex), which states that he was fined ten shillings on February 7, 1939, for an offence on December 17, 1939.

RUSSIANS NUMBER 170,120,000

An increase of 23,013,000 in Russia's population since 1926 is revealed in the official statistics of the census taken on January 17 last year. These now show the Soviet population to be 170,120,000.



SIX MONTHS TASK OF SORTING 4,000,000 TICKETS. — Recently there was a three day census of tickets used by passengers on the London underground. Now the tickets, four million of them, have been gathered together and girls have started the gigantic task of sorting them at London Transport's Earl's Court offices. The sorting will take six months and will enable London Transport to discover most-used routes and the least-used. This helps in building new subways, new escalators and longer or shorter trains. Photo shows the mass of tickets that make the gigantic jig-saw puzzle that has to be solved in the next six months.

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MUNICH A

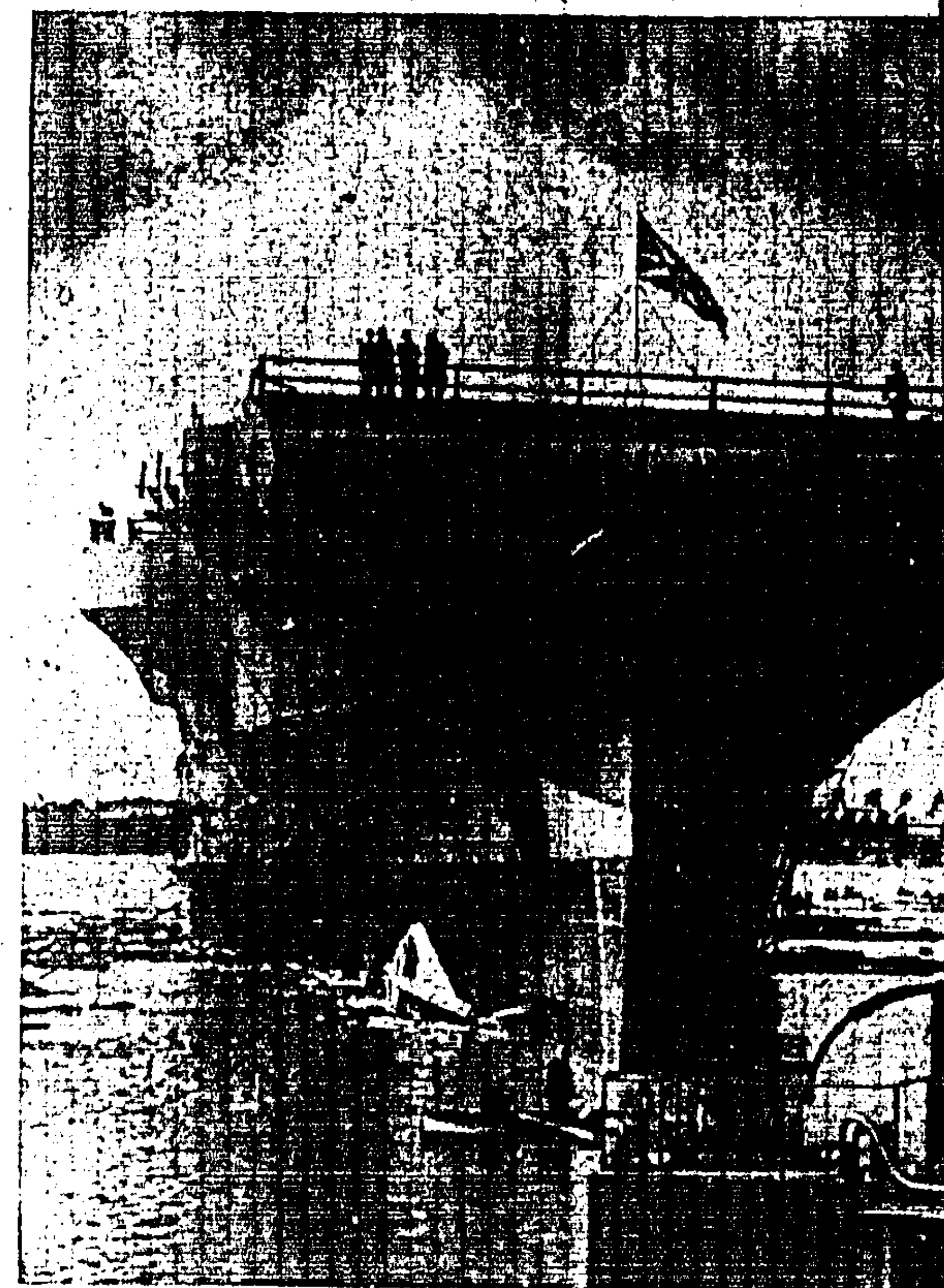
Munich and the Dictators. By R. W. Seton-Watson Methuen. Pp. xii. 188. 5s.

When There is No Peace. By Hamilton Fish Armstrong. Macmillan. Pp. 236. 6s.

By J. L. HAMMOND

It is the duty of anyone who tries to follow public affairs to read these two books. Mr. Armstrong is well known to students of politics all over the world as the editor of "Foreign Affairs," the American quarterly universally respected for the quality of its articles. Dr. Seton-Watson is a distinguished historian with a special knowledge of Eastern Europe. As a close friend of Dr. Benes, who played as adviser and publicist an important part in the making of the State that has now been destroyed, he is not a dispassionate critic. But his well-known sympathies so far from detracting from the importance of his book add to it. For the Czechs, in consequence of the high-handed proceedings of the British and French Governments, were unable, in the lightning movements that ended in their ruin, to put their case before the world. Indeed those two Governments were so wanting in common fairness and courtesy that they did not publish in their documents the reply of the Czech Government to their ultimatum of September 18. The text is given to the British public for the first time in these two volumes, and no Englishman will read it without acute distress. For these reasons it is specially necessary to read what a responsible and well-informed American and what an English historian who knows what happened from the Czech side have to say on this disastrous chapter of history. The British and French Ministers have at their service the most skilled interpreters and advocates, and if Dr. Seton-Watson is incorrect his mistakes will not pass unnoticed and unrevealed.

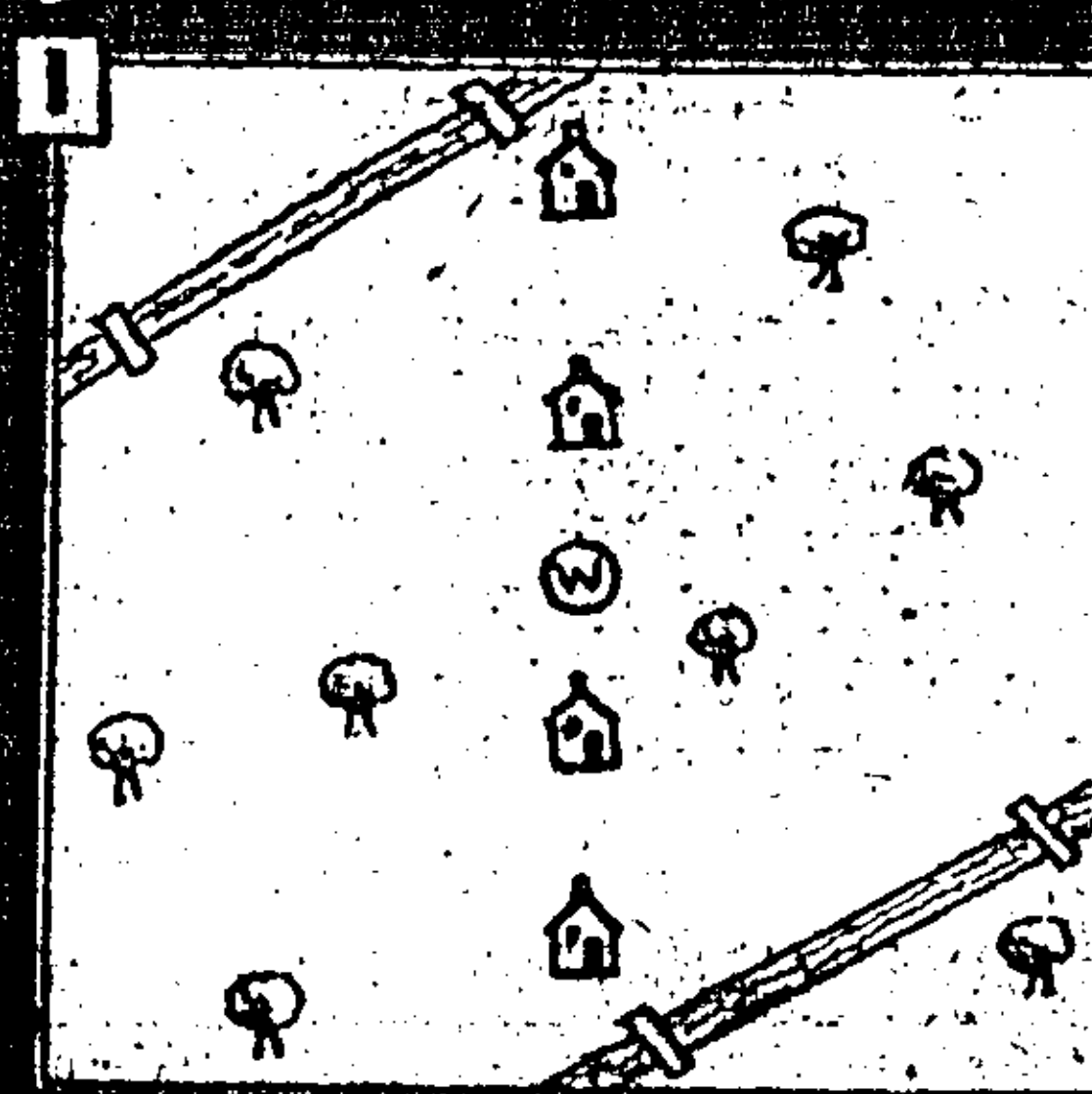
Most persons who read these books will come to a terrible conclusion. In one sense it is true that Czecho-Slovakia has been destroyed by one man. Hitler set out to destroy it and was ready in pursuit of that object to employ fraud as well as force. But there is a sense in which Czecho-Slovakia has not been destroyed by one man but by half a dozen; for we must add to the Fuehrer the Prime Ministers of England and France, the Foreign Secretaries of those nations, and Lord Runciman. Nobody thinks that Mr. Chamberlain or Lord Halifax or Lord Runciman or M. Daladi-



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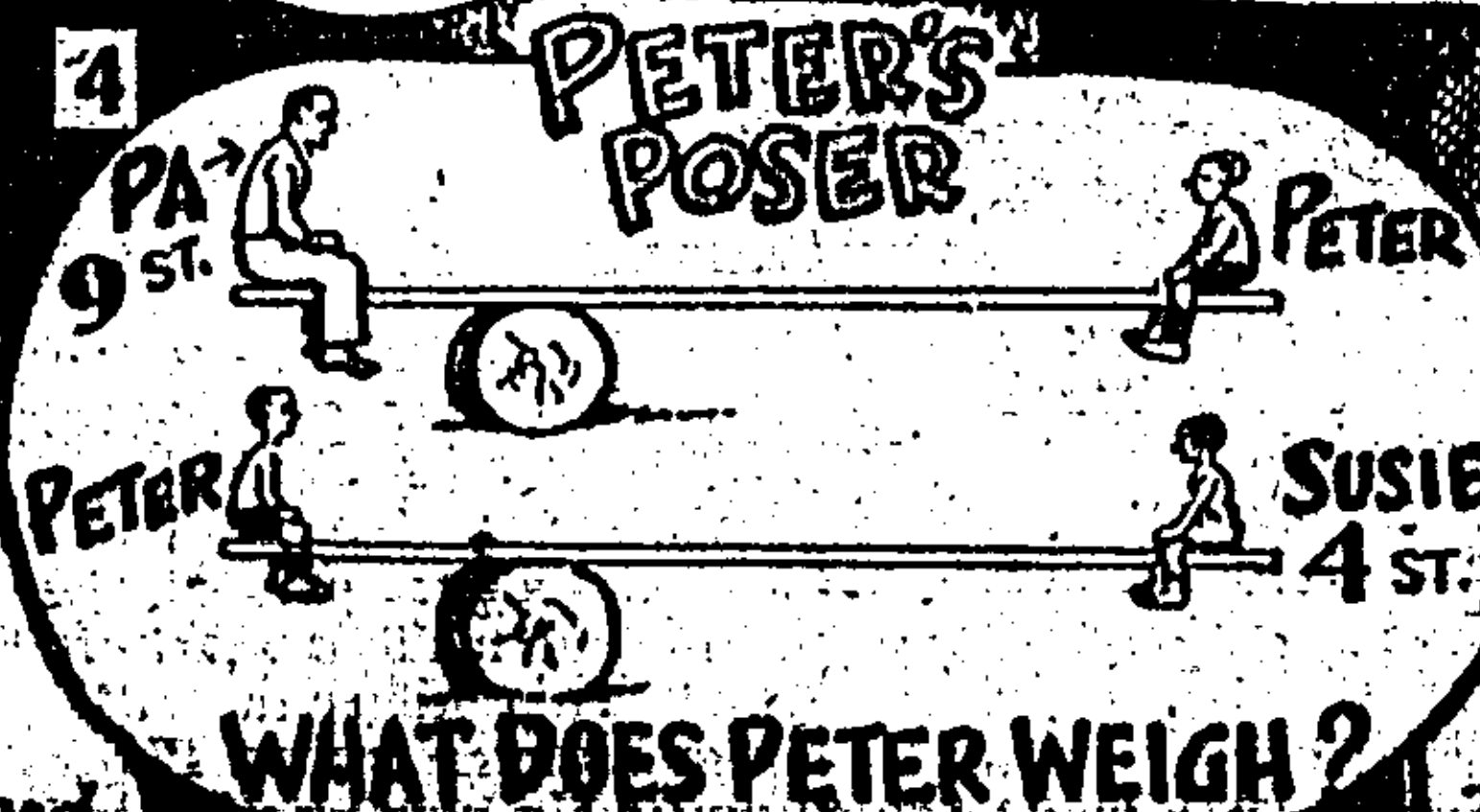
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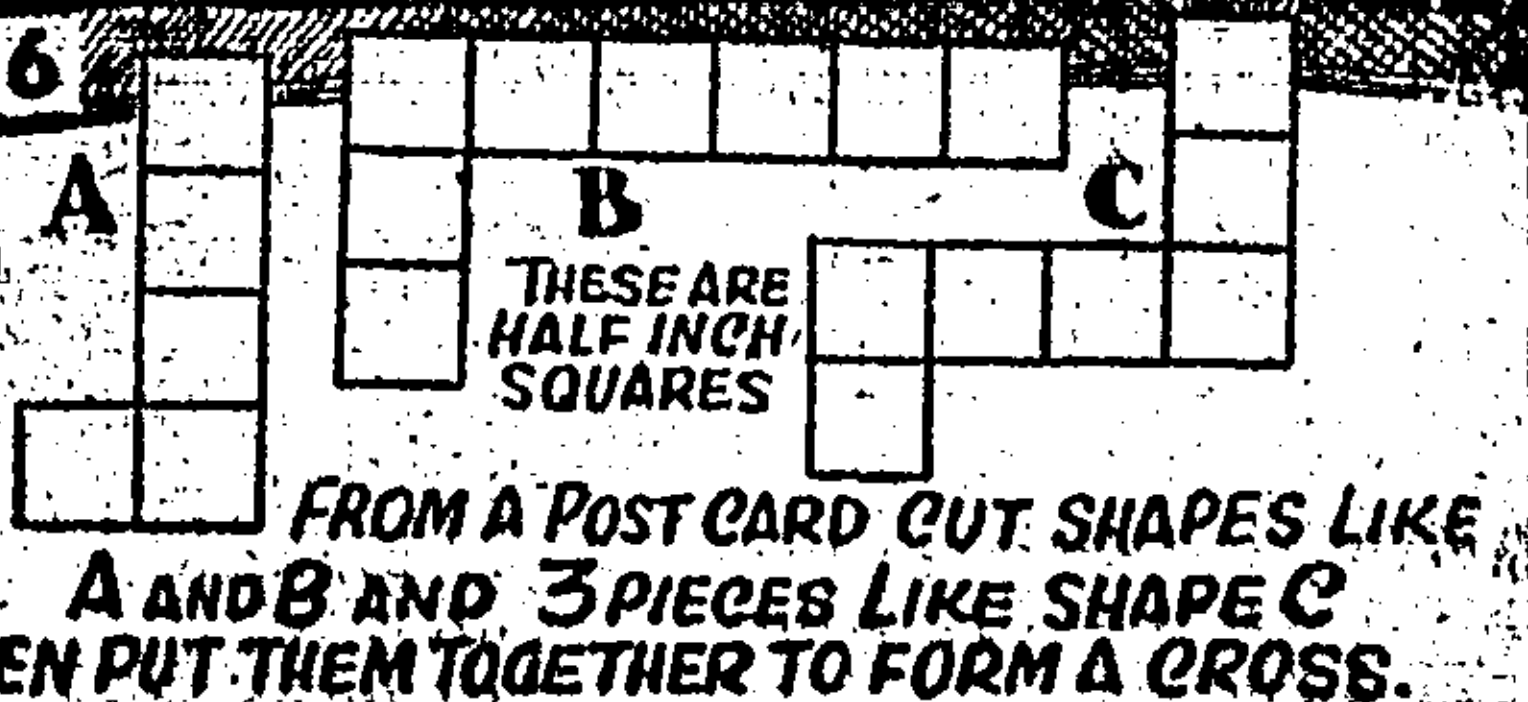
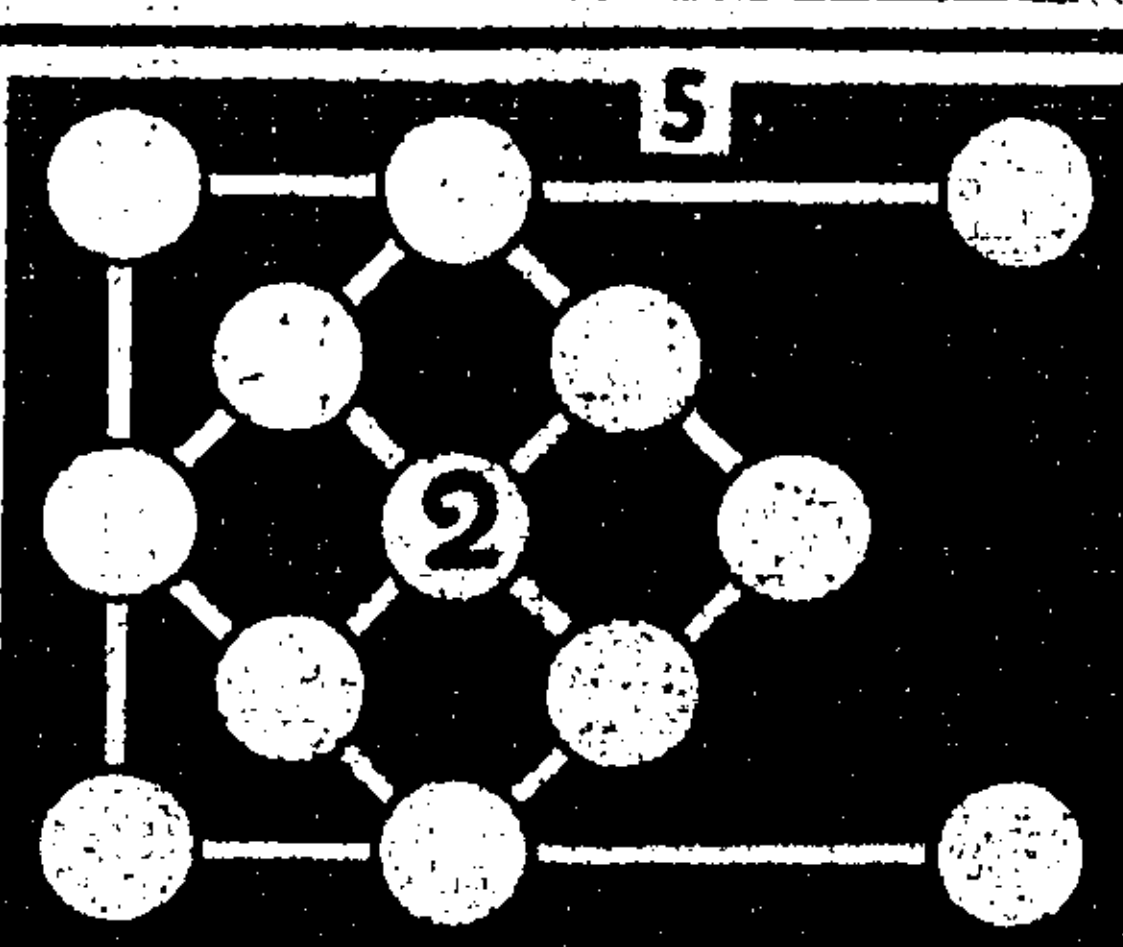
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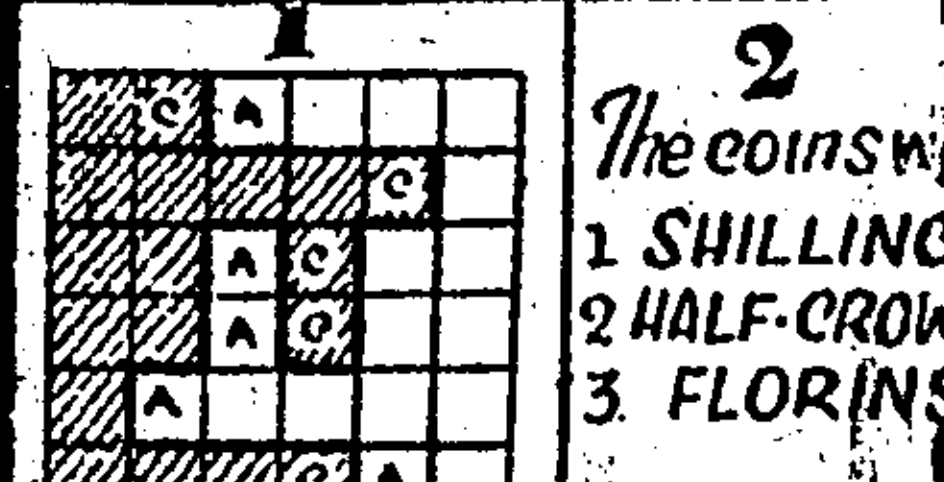
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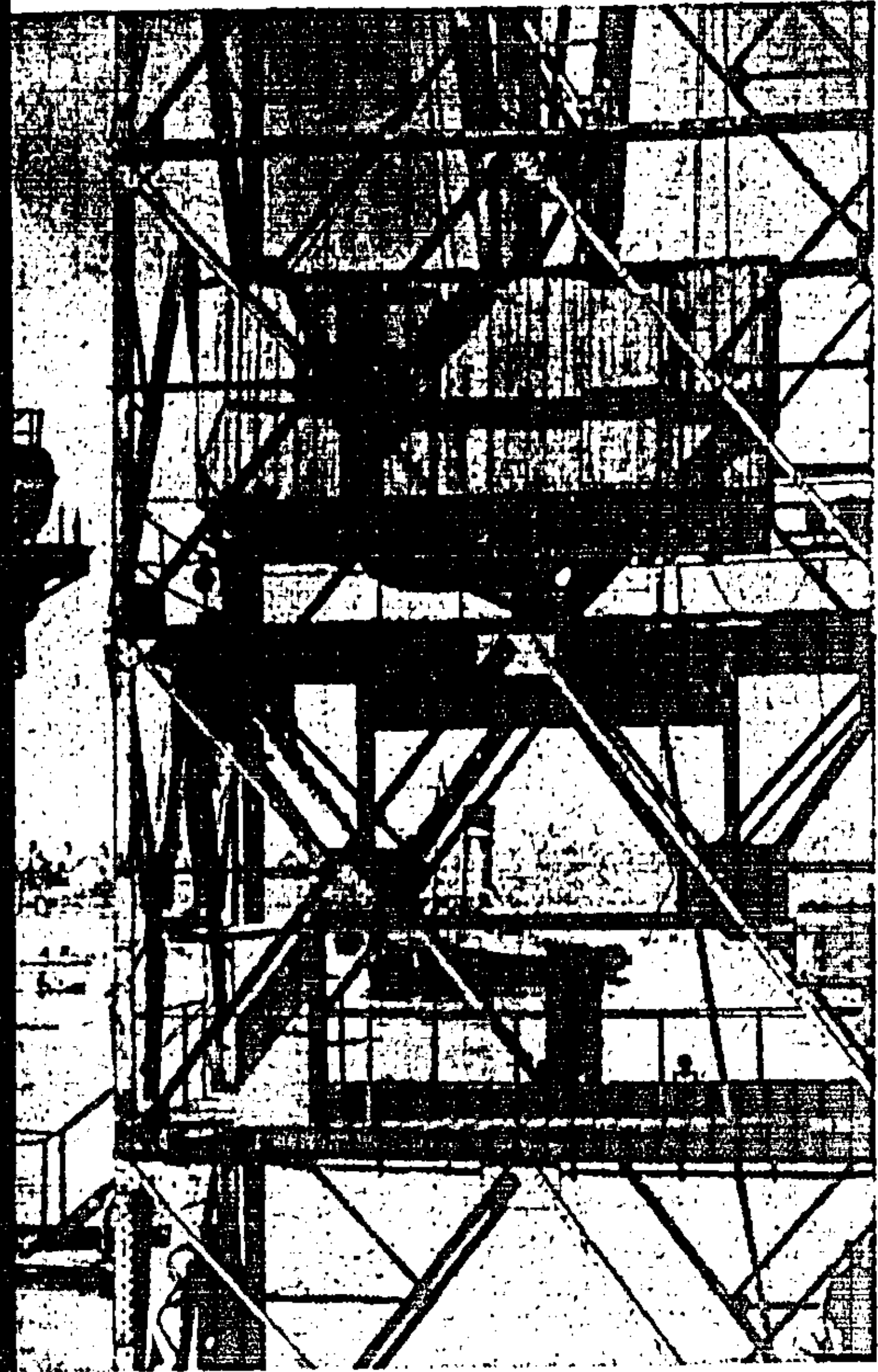


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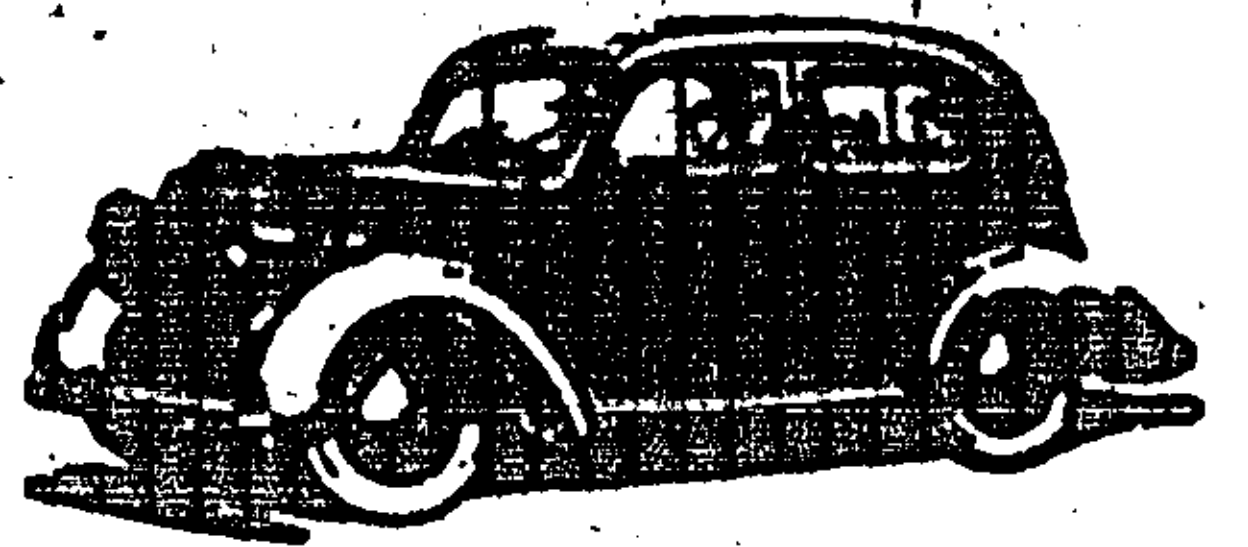
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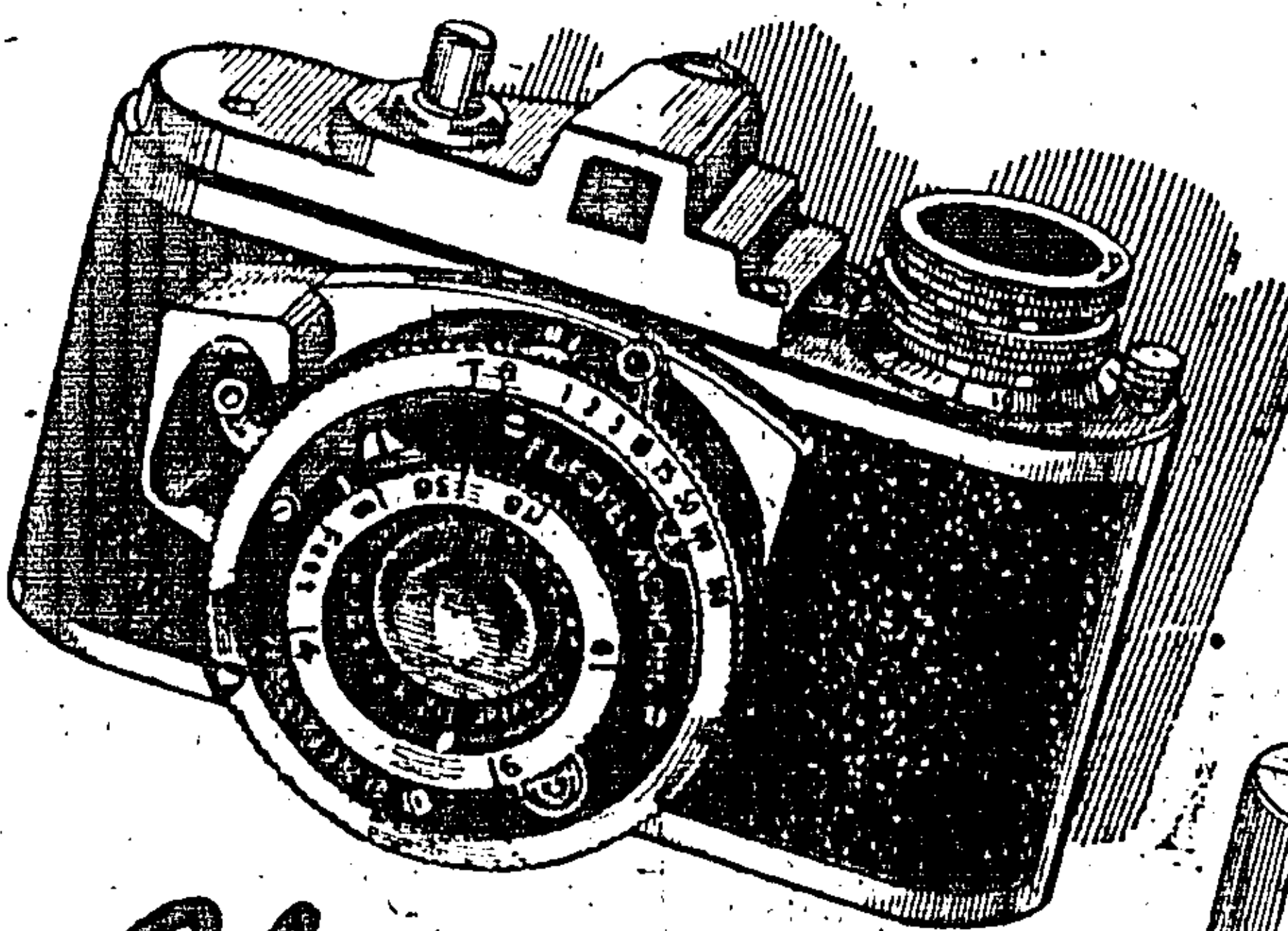
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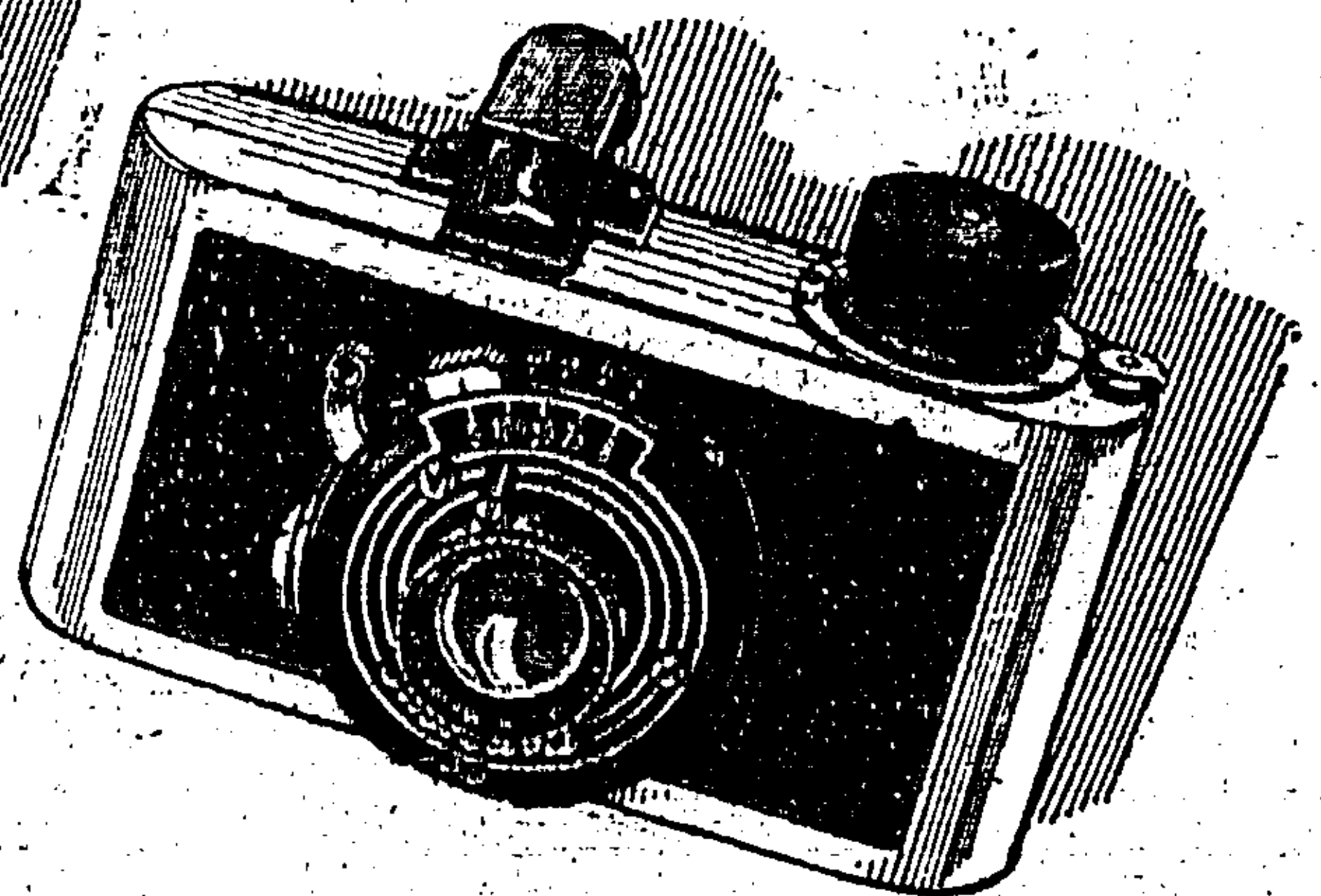
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Beauty and You

by PATRICIA LINDSAY

Are You Guilty Of These Beauty Errors?

A new and enterprising beauty magazine recently selected what they thought were the six greatest living authorities on the beauty and grooming of American women, and asked them this question: "What are your pet peeves and prejudices about the appearances of our American beauties?" And following are some of them.

An outstanding designer retaliated: "I hate women who are so vain of their figures that they won't wear girdles. The wobbling effect in evening clothes makes even the nicest-hipped gal look like a cross between a gelatine dessert

and a cup of cold consomme. I also think there should be a law against growing old ungracefully. Forty-eight-year-olds, with dyed blond hair and sausage-case dresses don't look like twenty-two; they look like sixty-eight!

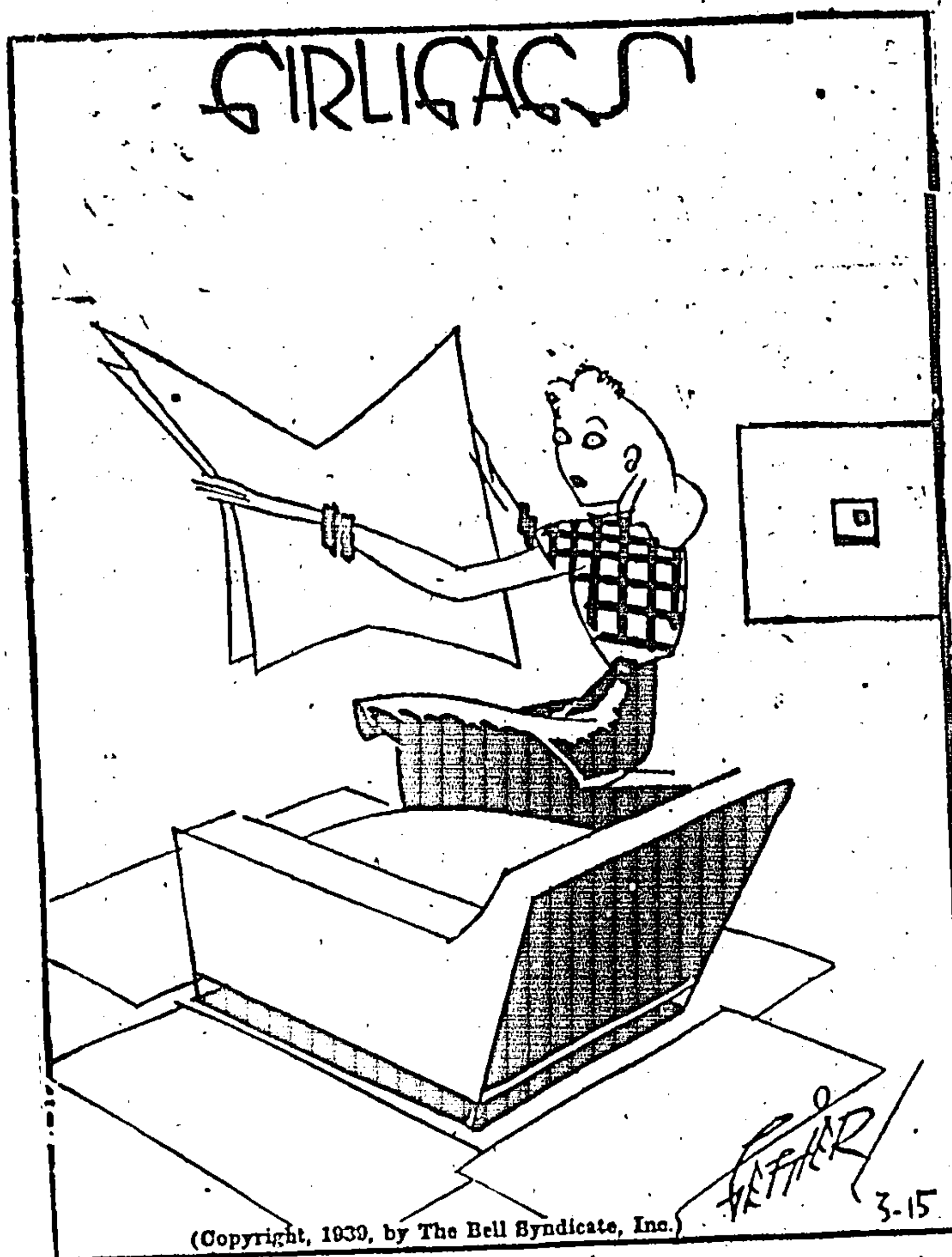
I wish women would get over the idea they can make up in a dark room and then emerge into the great outdoors looking attractive. I wish short women would quit wearing two-colour ensembles that break them off in the middle and make them squat and dumpy. I'm tired of seeing bias-cut clothes on big people who just won't learn that they look bigger that way, because the clothes cup in, especially under the buttocks. I wish I could persuade all large-hipped girls to wear skirts with low flared fullness.

Regarding Your Beauty

"Like most men," put in Arthur William Brown, "I can't stand girls with untidy hair. The up-swept hair-do is apt to have lots of loose tendrils floating around. Many get around this very cutely with a George Washington effect—a little 'tail' in the back with a stiff bow on it. . . . Another thing that drives me wild is an uneven mouth. I wish gals would stop blithely putting a new coat of lipstick over an old one. . . . A mouth should be put on wide and full, with a lip liner or a brush. Avoid the Cupid's bow—it dates you.



Good taste in dress is as essential to beauty as a good figure or clear skin. Poor taste makes you look like this girl!



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"With all this great fighting machine we are whipping together now," says dubious Dot, "we begin to wonder which is the more economical—fighting an enemy's army or trying to feed a huge one of our own."

And nails! No one with ugly hands should ever wear bright or bizarre-coloured nail polish that calls attention to them. Older women should be particularly careful about that. . . . A supreme mystery to me is why so many girls go on buying dresses that are too big for them. . . . when they sit down their dresses go in many ugly lines and bunches that spoil the figure completely.

Woman's Peeves

The woman had less to say. She includes hairbows, glamour girl

bobs, baby bonnets, or anything cute, on the female who is edging forty.

Junk jewellery that clanks like the ghost of Hamlet's father, is particularly objectionable to her. Shiny, or sugar coated noses and especially the camel crouch at the table, bring forth her cries of disapproval.

There are only a few, but you might read them carefully and see if you are guilty of errors which make you less the beauty you might be!

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What The Stars Foretell

(By MARY BLAKE)

You should remember that usually there are two sides to every question, exactly opposite to each other, so avoid doing someone an injustice by analysing both sides of any controversy before expressing your opinion. Harboursing imaginary wrongs, as well as thinking too much about what you may consider the faults of a relative or friend, is liable to cause you to do a great injustice. There is danger of considerable valuable time being wasted this day through a lot of useless palaver, for a desire to gossip will be a prevailing trait. Impelling influences are liable to make you do something you may have been very reluctant to attempt. Much good is apt to be derived from your effort to encourage someone else this day. Kind words will be needed to offset the harshness of many uncalled for sarcastic remarks that will have been inspired this day by feelings akin to hatred or envy. Married and engaged couples, as well as those who are head over heels in love, must overlook no opportunity, to display their sentimental regard for the one whose birth anniversary this is.

If a woman on April 21 is your birthday, you may have the reputation of frequently doing unexpected things. You have, most likely, many unique and decidedly original ideas, which, if commercially applied, ought to make you considerable sums of money. If you remain very long in one place you are apt to grow restless, for you have, in all likelihood, an insatiable longing to travel. Through acting, singing, dancing, selling or writing, you should make a living. Your matrimonial ambitions are likely to be thoroughly satisfied.

The child born on April 21, has generally, a good disposition, which is frequently ruined by the father's or mother's love for teasing. Being sensitive, this youngster requires tactful handling, plenty of encouragement, and a vast amount of affection.

The Housewives' Notebook

To clean a rain-spotted handbag, try kerosene. The smell of the oil will soon disappear. Another method is a mixture of sweet oil and turpentine.

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The cleaning of fur coats is best left to an expert because they really should be stripped. For home treatment warm some new bran in a pan, stirring it to prevent it getting burnt. When it is well warmed rub it well into the fur with the hand. Repeat several times; shake and brush briskly with a stiff brush. For white furs, ermine, etc., moisten the bran with warm water, rub until quite dry, and then use dry bran, afterwards rubbing with magnesia or a piece of book-muslin.

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To clean gloves: Place them in a flat dish and cover them with benzine (exercising every precaution) and let them stay there for five to ten minutes. Squeeze each glove as dry as possible and place it (first one side and then the other) on a clean white cloth of several thicknesses and rub upwards towards the fingers with a soft cloth—an old white handkerchief will do.

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To prevent woollen socks and stockings from shrinking peg them on the clothes-line after they have been washed, by the toe and the heel.

ASPARAGUS AND EGGS AU GRATIN

Take 1 tin asparagus, 2 table-spoonfuls butter, 4 eggs, grated cheese, salt and pepper to taste. Drain the asparagus and cut stalks into one-inch pieces. Place in a buttered fireproof dish. Dab with butter and bake three minutes. Break eggs into a basin. Add salt and pepper to taste. Beat well. Pour over asparagus. Sprinkle with grated cheese to taste. Bake in a moderate oven till set. Brown under the grill.

Chickens and fowls should be plucked while the flesh is still warm. There will be no need for scalding. The reward is in the better appearance of the bird when tabled.

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Tainted saucepans can be cleansed by boiling a cut-up lemon in them for one to two hours.

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The important medicinal properties of onions and celery are conserved by steaming those vegetables instead of boiling them.

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If pastry made with lard is not cooked at once it loses its crispness.

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Try the following plan when some careless person stands one tumbler in another, and you find it difficult to separate them: Fill the inner tumbler with cold water (this will cause the glass to contract) and at the same time stand the outer one

in hot water (this will make the outer glass expand). After a few minutes it will be quite easy to separate them.

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Blinds that have to be cut to make them fit windows should always be cut with a very sharp knife instead of scissors. If the blinds are treated in this way it will not be necessary to hem them.

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The omelet pan must be as "dry as a bone" before the putting in of the butter. In making an omelet every detail is important.

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It refreshes a room wonderfully to disinfect it with camphor. Some camphor, a shovel, and a hot poker will suffice. Stroll about the room to spread the fumes.

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Sleeplessness may sometimes be relieved by the application of a wet compress to the back of the head and neck.

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When making a salad dressing, first scald the cream.

SAVOURY VEGETABLE PIE

Take ½ lb. boiled potatoes, 2 large tomatoes, 3 hard-boiled eggs, ½ pint rich white sauce, cheese, or onions.

Cut the potatoes into slices and cover the bottom of a glass oven dish, then make a layer of sliced, hard-boiled eggs, and another of potatoes, then one layer of sliced tomatoes, and finally a layer of potatoes. Pour the sauce, which must be well seasoned and slightly thicker than usual, over the vegetables in the dish. Cover with grated cheese or chopped onion, brown lightly in a moderate oven until thoroughly heated through.

Two parts of borax to one of powdered naphthalene left freely about the house will rid the place of cockroaches. It is otherwise harmless.

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Fresh air and not too much light is a rule to be observed with an infant. And do not cover the face with a handkerchief when baby is sleeping.

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Complete blending is an essential of good cooking. Always sift the flour, and thoroughly sift with it any salt or spices you may be using.

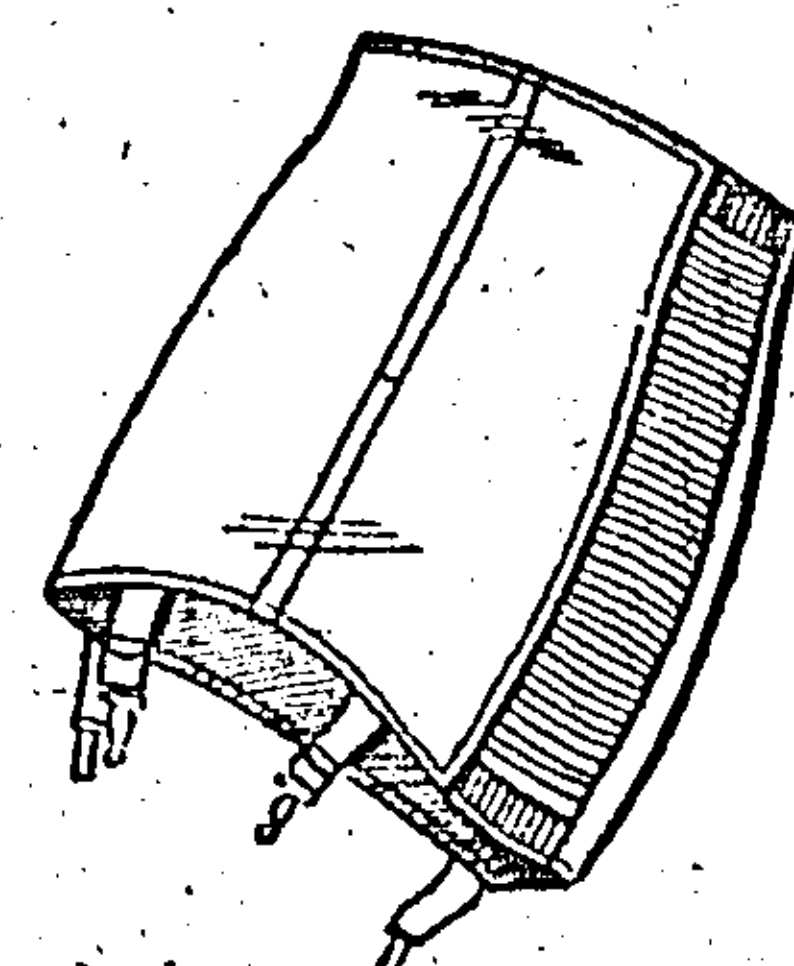
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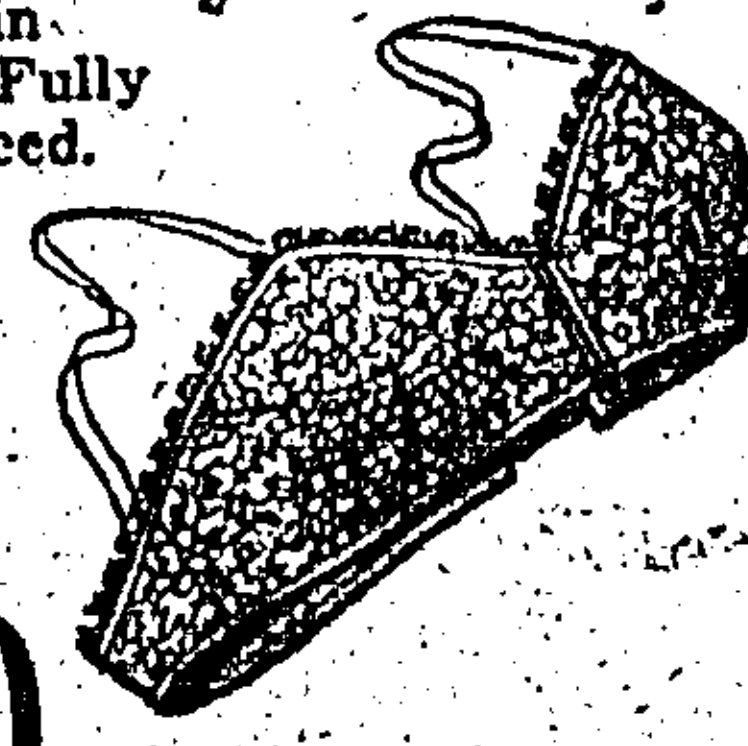


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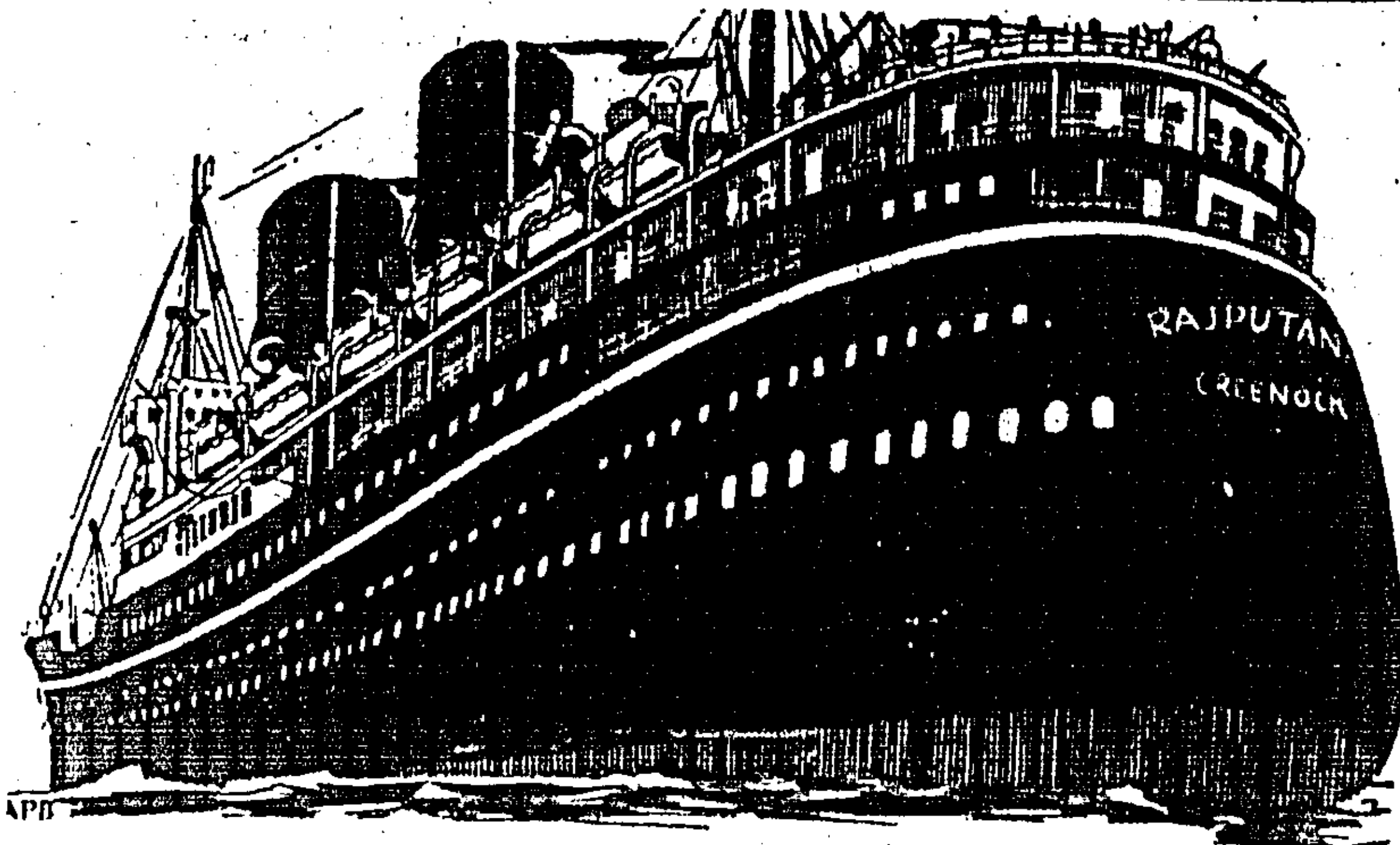
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*BANGALORE	6,000	20th May	Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*RAJPUTANA	17,000	27th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*RANCHI	17,000	10th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BHUTAN	6,000	17th June	Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*RANPURA	17,000	24th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BEHAR	6,000	1st July	— do —
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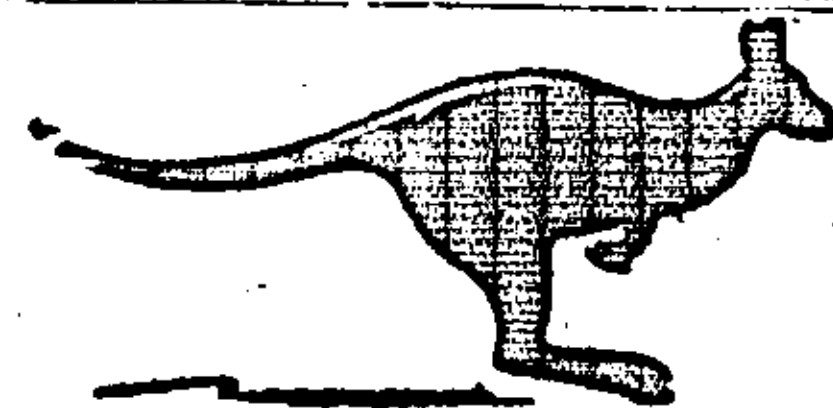
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S.S.	Tons	From Hong Kong About	Destination
TILAWA	10,000	22nd Apr.	Singapore, Port Swettenham, Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta.
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S.S.	Tons	From Hong Kong About	Destination
*BANGALORE	6,000	21st Apr.	Shanghai & Japan.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	27th Apr.	Shanghai & Japan.
TALMA	10,000	27th Apr.	Shanghai & Japan.
TANDA	7,000	5th May	Shanghai & Japan.
RANCHI	17,000	11th May	Shanghai & Japan.
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*BEHAR	6,000	21st May	Shanghai & Japan.
SHIRALA	8,000	25th May	Japan.
RANPURA	17,000	25th May	Shanghai & Japan.
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Shanghai and Swatow	Kwangtung	April 21.
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Manila	Nozima Maru	April 21.
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Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Papers etc.) London date, 23rd Mar.	Hakusan Maru	April 21.
Shanghai	Tantalus	April 21.
Formosa, Japan and Shanghai	Hakozaki Maru	April 21.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 16th April.	Imperial Airways Plane	April 21.
Straits and Manila	Gneisenau	April 22.
Haiphong	Chokiang	April 22.
Straits	Anshun	April 23.
Haiphong and Fort Bayard	Jean Dupuis	April 23.
Tientsin and Swatow	Prominent	April 23.
Straits	Conte Biancamano	April 23.
Amoy	Tjisanoea	April 23.
Manila	Agapenor	April 23.
Straits	Bellerophon	April 24.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 10th April.	Imperial Airways Plane	April 24.
Calcutta and Straits	Talma	April 25.
Japan	Toyama Maru	April 26.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 19th April	Pan-American Airways Plane	April 26.
Tientsin and Swatow	Nanning	April 26.
Straits	Aeneas	April 26.
Manila	Pleasantville	April 26.
Manila	Anna Maersk	April 26.
Japan	Montevideo Maru	April 26.
Saigon	Felix Roussel	April 26.
Japan and Shanghai	Jean Laborde	April 27.

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For	Per	Date and Time.
FRIDAY		
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 4th May.	Hakozaki Maru	Fri., Apr. 21, 1.30 p.m.
	Reg.,	Apr. 21, 2 p.m.
	Ord.,	Apr. 21, 2.30 p.m.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 22nd May.	Hakozaki Maru	Fri., Apr. 21, 1.45 p.m.
	Reg.,	Apr. 21, 2.30 p.m.
	Ord.,	Apr. 21, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Fausang	Apr. 21, 10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard	Haldia	Apr. 21, 10.30 a.m.
Papers only for Straits and (Parcels and Papers for Calcutta)	Sulsang	Fri., Apr. 21, 11 a.m.
	Parcels,	Apr. 21, 11 a.m.
	Papers,	Apr. 21, Noon.
Fort Bayard	Tai Poo Sek	Apr. 21, 1.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Apr. 21, 2 p.m.
Formosa, Shanghai and Japan	Hakusan Maru	Apr. 21, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via San Francisco, and (Papers only for Canada)—due San Francisco, 11th May.	Pres. Taft	Fri., Apr. 21, K.P.O.
	Parcels,	Apr. 21, 4 p.m.
	Reg.,	Apr. 21, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	Apr. 21, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.,	Apr. 21, 5.30 p.m.
	Parcels,	Apr. 21, 4 p.m.
	Reg.,	Apr. 21, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	Apr. 21, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.,	Apr. 21, 5 p.m.
	Reg.,	Apr. 21, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	Apr. 21, 7 p.m.
SATURDAY		
Haiphong and Saigon	Nanchang	Apr. 22, 8.30 a.m.
Parcels only for Straits	Tantalus	Apr. 22, 9 a.m.
Papers only for Straits and (Parcels and Papers) for Calcutta.	Tilawa	Sat., Apr. 22, 9 a.m.
	Par.,	Apr. 21, 5 p.m.
	Pap.,	Apr. 22, 9 a.m.
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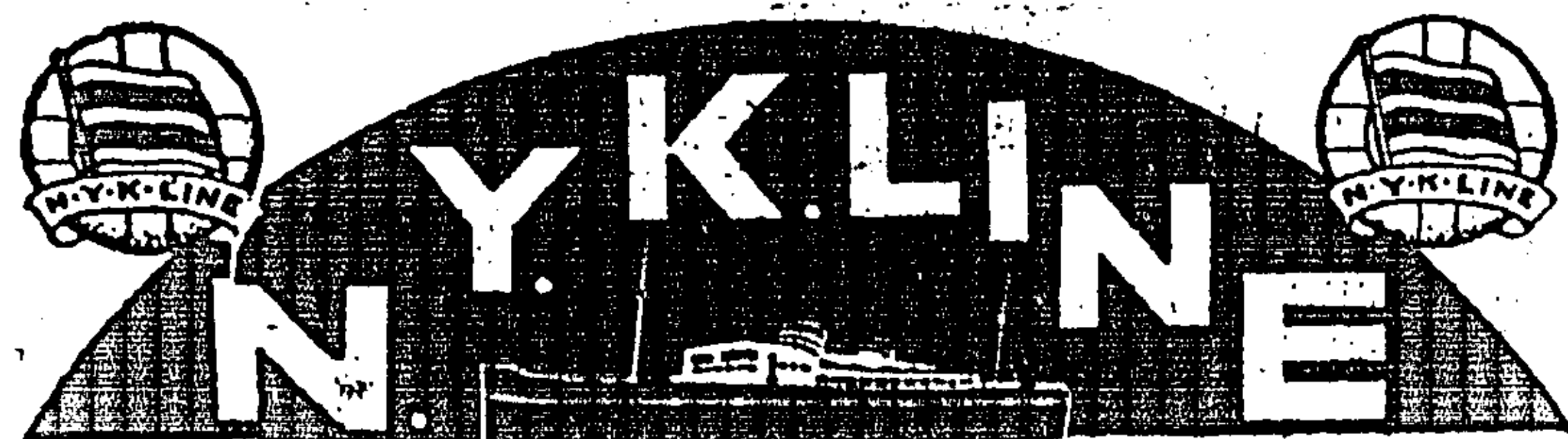
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 SUWA MARU Friday, 5th May.
 TERUKUNI MARU Friday, 19th May.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Davao, Thursday Island and Brisbane.
 KITANO MARU Saturday, 29th Apr.
BOMBAY via Singapore and Colombo.
 *TOYAMA MARU Saturday, 29th Apr.
RANGOON & CALCUTTA via Singapore
 *TUSIMA MARU Sunday, 30th Apr.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA
 HAKUSAN MARU (via Keelung) Friday, 21st Apr.
 KAMO MARU (direct Nagasaki) Thursday, 20th Apr.
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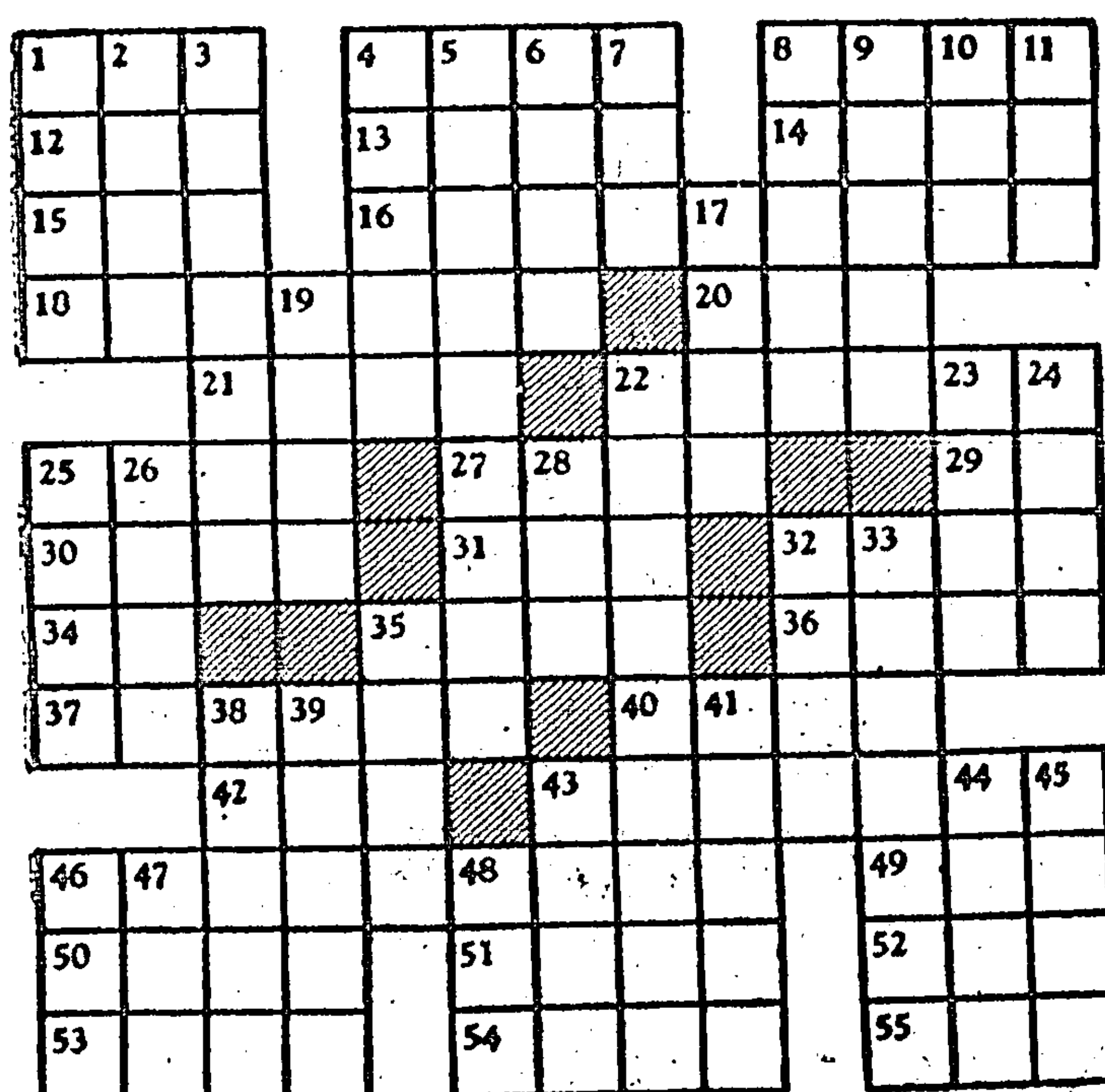
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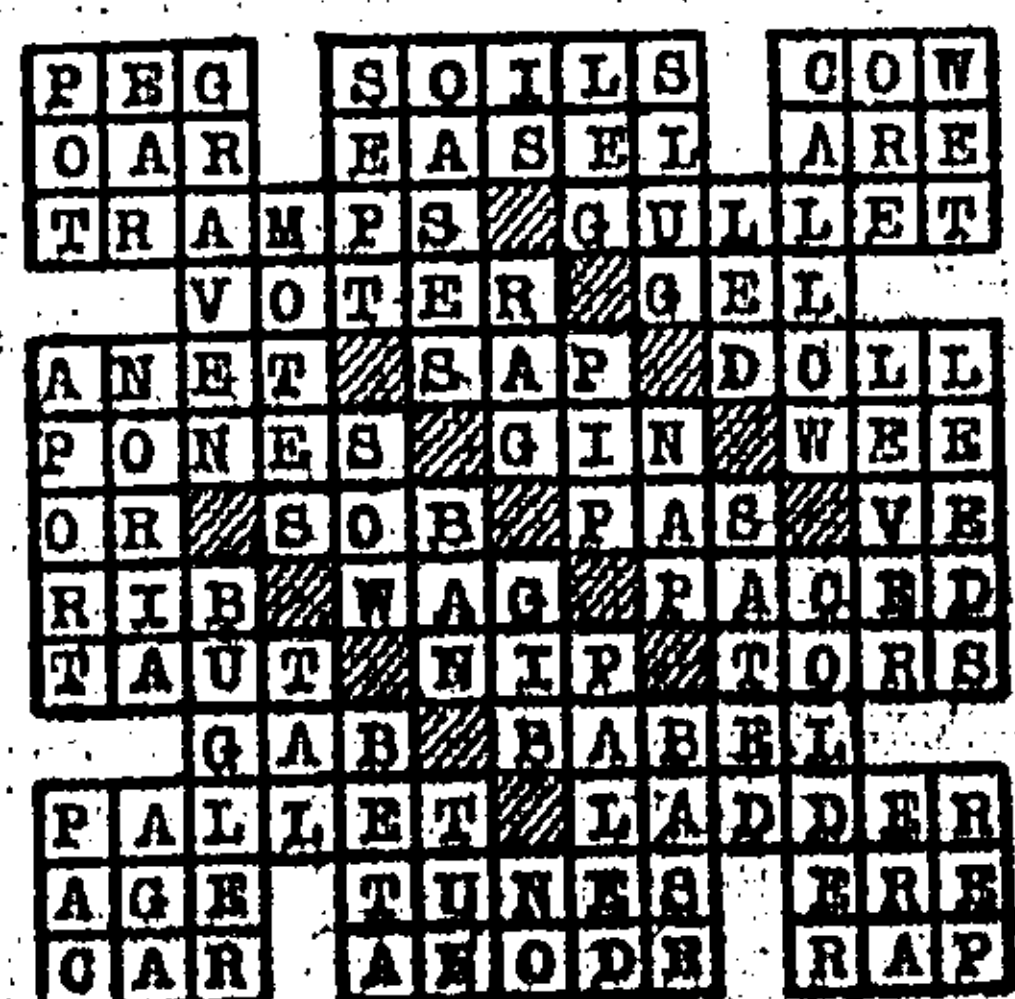


HORIZONTAL
 1 Kind of light
 4 Lunge
 8 Sandarac
 12 Bellow
 13 Heraldic device
 14 Not any
 15 Scot.: John
 16 Wall linings
 18 Hoary
 20 Goddess of dawn
 21 Purposes
 22 Heavy breather
 25 Calamitous
 27 To radiate
 29 Greek letter
 30 English queen
 31 Through or by
 32 Mingled with
 34 Neuter pronoun
 35 Man's name
 36 Infinitesimal part
 37 Shocks to reality
 40 Concerning
 42 Topaz humming bird

43 Wiry dog
 46 Sovereign
 49 Lyric poem
 50 English river
 51 Skill (pl.)
 52 Not a jot
 53 To tilt
 54 Pagoda finial (pl.)

VERTICAL
 1 Ganoid genus
 2 Sheepskin leather
 3 Solicitude
 4 Disseminated
 5 Parts of a church
 6 Landed
 7 Man's nickname
 8 The elbow
 9 To perch
 10 Insect
 11 Legal term
 17 Residence
 19 Arrow poison
 22 Dance movement
 23 To issue
 24 Boorish
 25 Platform
 26 Preposition
 28 Confronted
 32 Cupid
 33 Servile favourites
 35 Algerian port
 38 Rod
 39 Incident
 41 To urge
 43 Biblical weed
 44 To reduct
 45 To depend
 46 Moccasin
 47 Eggs
 48 To make edging

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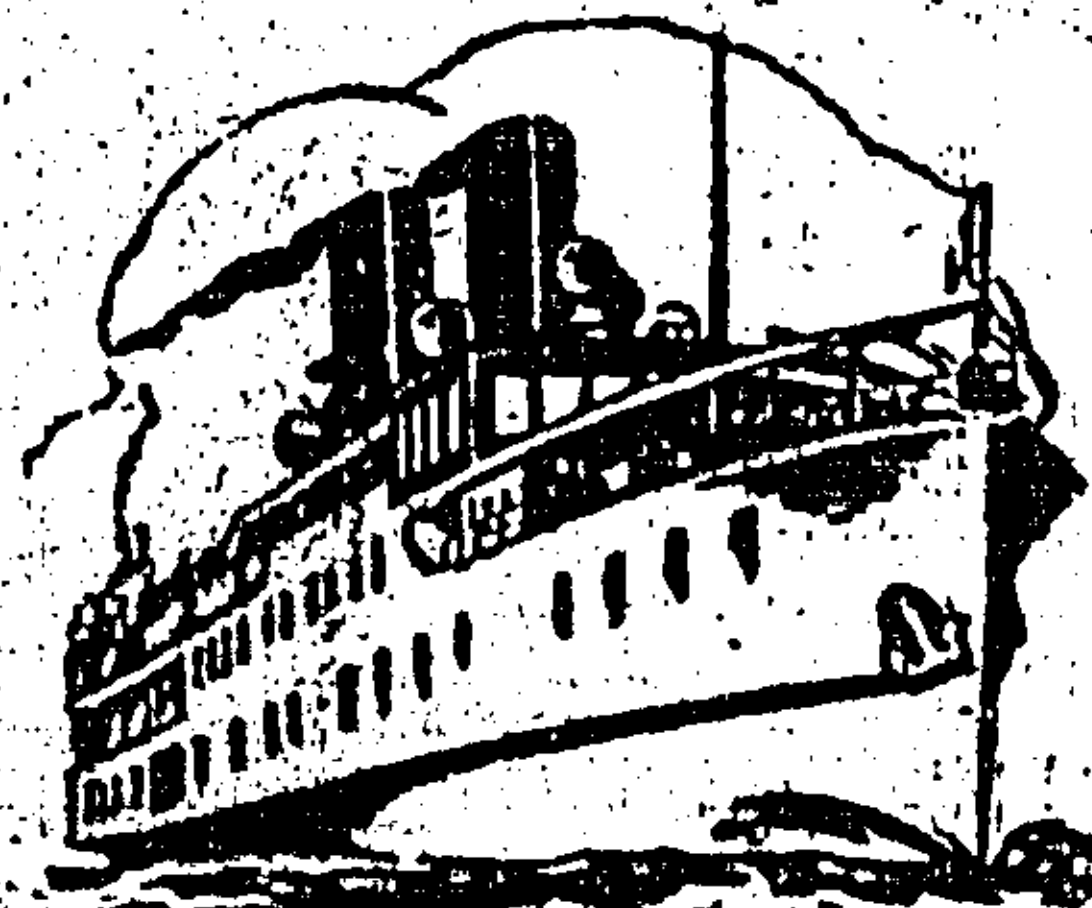
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 Arabia Maru Sat., 6th May.

BOMBAY & KARACHI via Singapore, Penang and Colombo
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 Glasgow Maru Thur., 20th Apr.
 Ryufuku Maru Thur., 4th May
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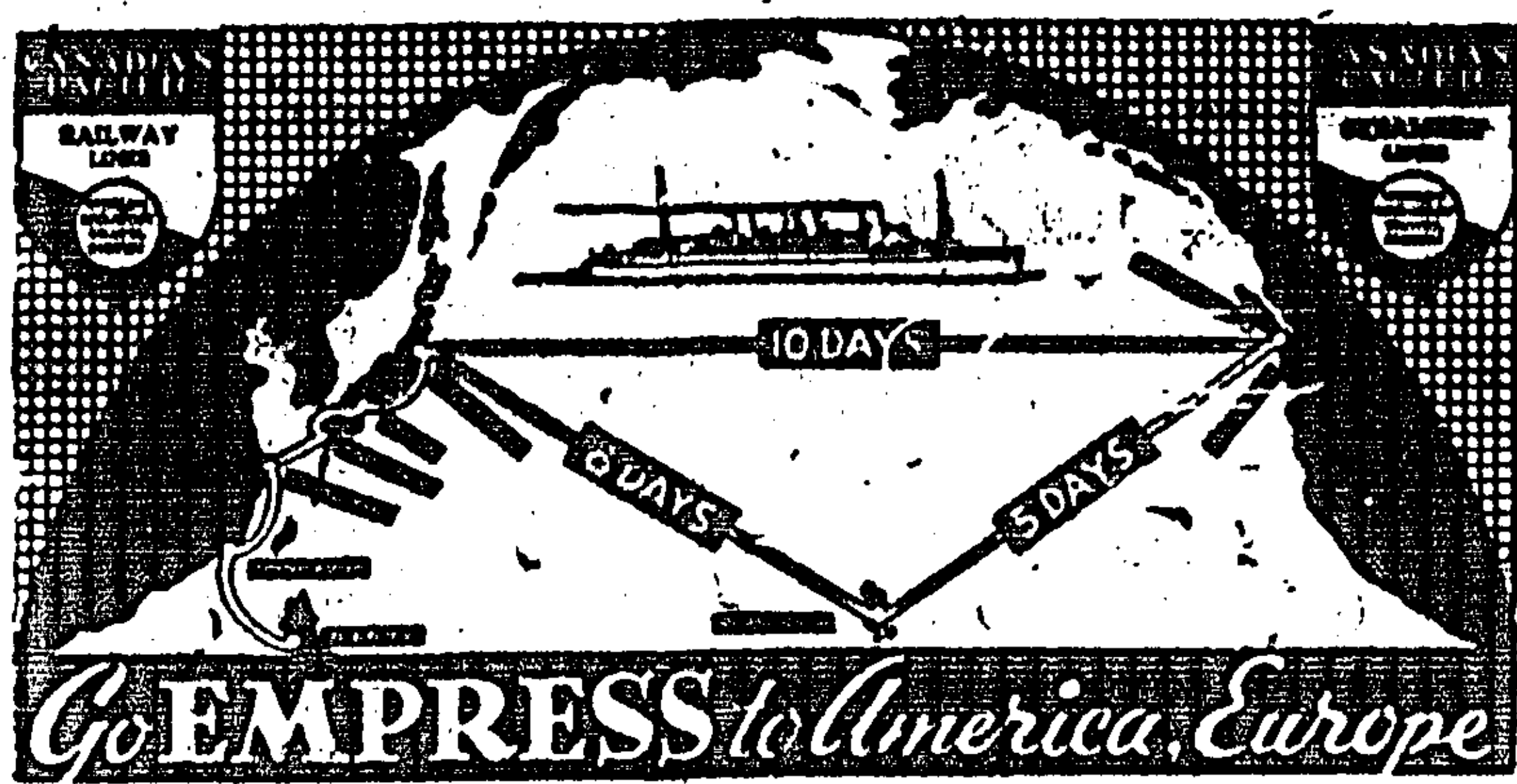
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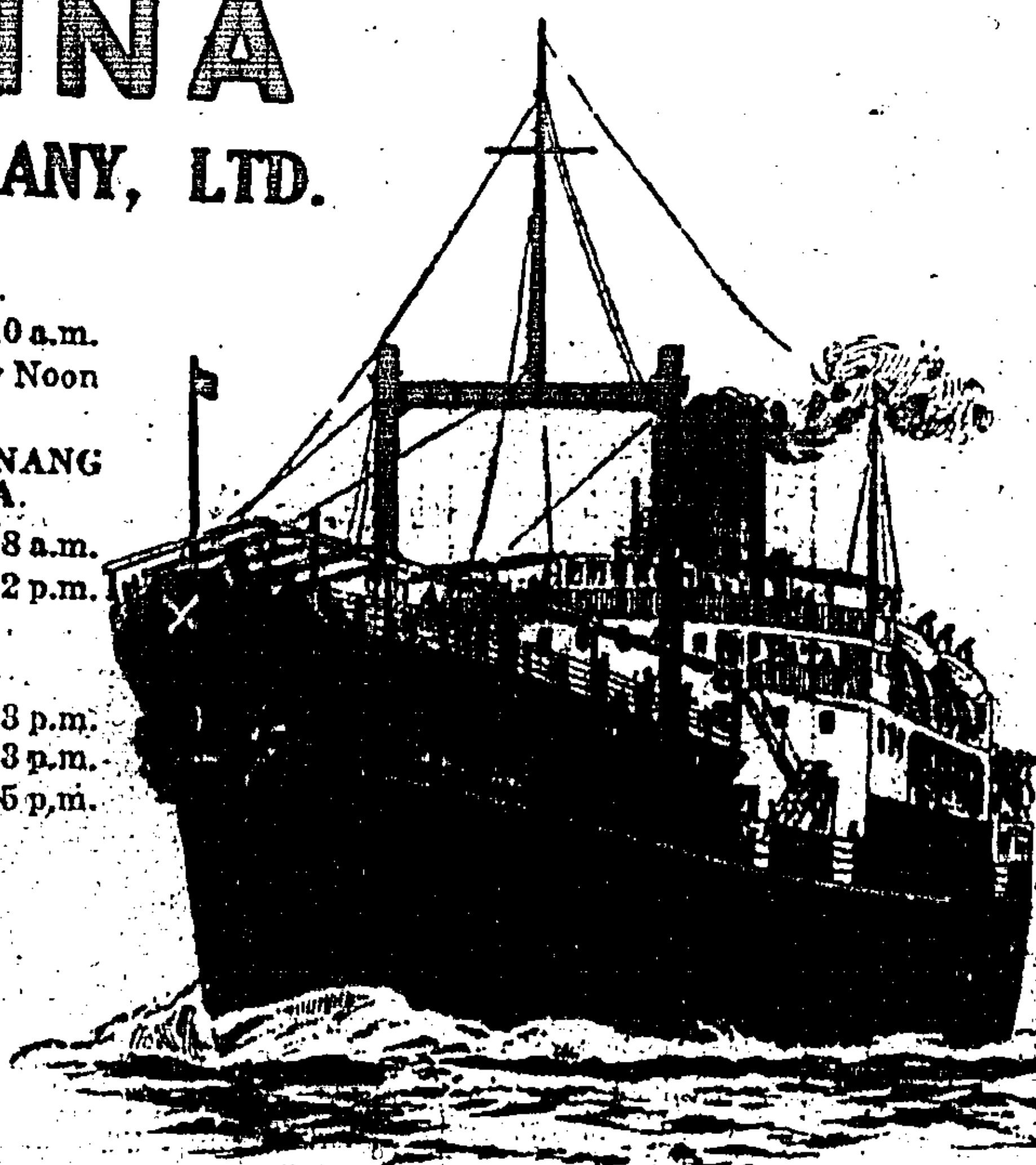
"Suisang" 22nd Apr. 8 a.m.
"Kutsang" 13th May 2 p.m.

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DR. M. SHIMOKAMA, OF GLOUCESTER BUILDING, WAS SUMMONED BEFORE MR. R. A. D. FORREST, FOR DRIVING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND CAUTION, AND WITH FAILING TO STOP AFTER A COLLISION.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Traffic Sergeant Sargeant told the Court that the accident was never reported. A man named Pun Sze, was walking in Queen's Road Central on April 1. Near the City Hall car park, motor car No. 1829, passed him in the same direction. The door handle caught Pun's arm, and tore a wound 12 inches long and five inches wide.

Defendant said he knew nothing about the accident. If he had he would have taken Pun to hospital, or treated him.

Sub-Inspector Armitt said there was no eye-witness in this case, but he found evidence on the door handle.

The case was adjourned to May 19.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE

The annual meeting of the China Fire Insurance Company, Ltd., was held this morning.

In proposing the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, the chairman (Mr. S. H. Dodwell) said:—

The balance at credit of the 1937 Marine Account amounting to \$65,301.31 has been transferred to the Reserve for Outstanding Losses. It is not expected that this sum will be sufficient to meet third and fourth year losses, but the amount of the Fund is ample for all requirements.

Satisfactory balances of \$113,065.88 and \$18,189.58 have been transferred from the Fire and Accident and General Accounts respectively to the Profit and Loss Account.

The fall in market values of gilt-edged securities and the decline in the Exchange value of the Chinese National dollar have not adversely affected the Exchange and Investment Fluctuation Account to the extent that might have been expected, while the interest earnings as they appear in the Profit and Loss Account are practically the same as in 1937.

The decline in the Reserve for Outstanding Losses reflects the recent unsatisfactory condition of the Marine market.

Your Directors recommend a dividend of \$12 per share and a Bonus dividend of \$6, being the same as last year.

The annual General meeting of British Traders' Insurance Company Limited was held this morning, the Chairman, the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, stating that in spite of the depreciation of gilt-edged securities, the Company was able to pay the same dividend as last year.

Messrs. S. H. Dodwell and H. V. Wilkinson were re-elected to the Board of Directors.

Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Lowe Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors for the coming year at a remuneration of \$1,500 each.

The chairman said:—You will have observed that the balance of the 1937 Marine Account amounting to \$8,094.12.10 has been transferred to the Reserve for Outstanding Losses. It is expected that third and fourth year settlements will exceed that sum but the amount standing to the credit of this Reserve is more than sufficient to meet all demands that may be made upon it.

From the Fire and Accident and General Revenue Accounts £14,015.9.1 and £2,254.15.4 respectively have been transferred to the Profit and Loss Account. After several years of very difficult trading it is satisfactory to report that a profit has been made in the Accident and General field, while the results from Fire business continued to be good.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, the decline in the amount standing to the credit of the Exchange and Investment Fluctuation Account is due to depreciation in the quoted prices of gilt-edged securities and the decline in the sterling value of the Chinese National dollar. It is noteworthy, however, that interest earnings as they appear in the Profit and Loss Account show an increase over those for 1937.

The Reserve for Outstanding Losses is also down for the reason that settlements in respect of earlier years have been unusually heavy.

Your Directors recommend a dividend of 7 shillings per share, being the same as last year.

ARMY DRIVER CAUTIONED

Gunner J. P. Fender, of Lyemun Barracks, was summoned at the Central Magistracy this morning, for speeding.

Defendant said his speedometer was broken. He was driving at between 15 to 18 m.p.h.

Sergeant Appleton said that he saw defendant driving a lorry in Hennessy Road at an excessive speed. He followed the lorry from Arsenal Street to Fleming Road, and found his speedometer registering from 24 to 26 miles per hour.

Defendant was cautioned.

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By Muriel Nissen

VATICAN CITY
THE passing of a Pope and the election of his successor provides one of the most beautiful ceremonies in the world to-day. It has always, of course, been a most solemn event, marked by every possible token of bereavement on the first occasion, and celebration on the other. This year, for the first time, a new medium will be introduced as an expression of both sympathy and joy. The Vatican State is just 10 years old, and its postal paper has the same

number of years to its credit. No Pope before the beloved Pius XI ever permitted his likeness to appear on a stamp and it is very probable that a memorial adhesive will be issued to commemorate him. The portraits of his successor to the Holy See will, with equal certainty, appear on Vatican City stamps of the near future. The first stamp portrait of the late Pope did not appear on postage paper of Vatican City. In 1928, when Spain was a monarchy ruled by Alfonso XIII, a stamp set was issued

by that country for the purpose of raising funds to excavate the famous catacombs of Rome. The Likeness of Pius XI and Alfonso appeared on the adhesives. The finest postage likeness of his Holiness, however, was on a Vatican stamp of 1933.

In its 10 years of existence, the Vatican State has issued a total of 95 stamps, including special delivery, parcel post and postage due values.

BRITISH COLONIALS

WITH one complete new issue to chronicle, and several additions to other sets being noted, the output of "new reign" postage paper from the British colonies continues to loom large on stampdom's horizon.

The Gilbert and Ellice islands issue has been released, and is here-with briefly described. Each stamp, of course, bears a profile portrait of King George VI.

- Half-penny, green and black—Frigate bird;
- 1 penny, violet and green—pandanus tree;
- 1½ penny, carmine and black—canoe crossing reef;
- 2 penny, gray-black and brown—canoe and boat shed;
- 2½ penny, olive-gray and black—native house;
- 3 penny, bright ultramarine and black—lagoon and palms;
- 5 penny, dark brown and blue—natives in canoe;
- 6 penny, violet and olive—coconut palms;
- 1 shilling, light blue and black—Cantilever bridge at Ocean Island;
- 2 shilling, red-orange and ultramarine—H.M.S. Rimanoa;
- 2sh. 6p., blue-green and blue—native canoe;
- 5 shillings, blue and black—coat of arms.

FROM OTHER COLONIES



CANADA has released a 13 cents ultramarine bearing a picture of Halifax Harbour.

The Bahamas series now includes a 1 shilling, slate and black and 1 pound, green and black, both bearing portraits of the King.

High values in Jamaica's set are the 2sh. green and gray-black picturing "Bamboo Walk", a 5sh. in ochre and blue presenting the "Isle of Wood and Water" and a 10sh., dark green bearing the King's portrait.

EGYPTIAN ITEMS

KING FAROUK, the youthful and progressive ruler of Egypt, appears on his country's new postage paper in a design which also includes symbols of the land's antiquity. A bust portrait of the king is pictured, with the pyramids forming a background to the left. Already released



The latest portrait of Vice-Admiral Le Bigot, taken on board the flagship of the French Far Eastern squadron, "Lamotte Picquet," in Hong Kong. (Bann's Studio).

is the 30 mills value in light gray, with other denominations scheduled for early issue.

FRANCE HONOURS CIVILIAN HEROES



THE latest stamp arrival from France is an adhesive in honour of civilians who lost their lives during the World War. The stamp has a value of 90 centimes plus 35c. and is printed in gray. The design pictures a youth with his back against a wall. The situation might be symbolic, but undoubtedly suggests that he faces a firing squad. Funds released from the sale of the stamp will be used to build a national monument at Lille in honour of these civilians.

STAMP TEASERS

1. Who was Emanuel Philibert and what stamp pictures him?
2. On what stamp do we see an angel blowing a horn?
3. A prince shaking hands with a captive of war provides the design for what adhesive?
4. Aviation students receiving instruction appear on what stamp?
5. What stamp design features the scales of justice along with the map of a country?

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

1. The five bats representing the five blessings of life appear on Chinese postage of 1894.
2. The Balbo Squadron consisted of 24 super flying boats that made a flight from Rome to Chicago in 1933 under the command of General Italo Balbo. A stamp issue in honour of the fliers was issued the same year by Italy.
3. Natives ploughing a rice field are seen on a stamp of British Guiana issued in 1931.
4. The Argentine Republic, in 1929, issued a stamp showing an allegorical figure of America presenting a laurel wreath to Columbus.
5. Teresa de Albuquerque was a character in one of Camilo Castelo Branco's works. He, in turn, was a famous Portuguese novelist, honoured by his native land in a stamp issue of 1925, marking the centenary of his birth.

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"RETURN OF A TRUANT"

(Continued from Page 1)

And he pushed forward the two glasses for replenishment.

"E's very proud of 'is garden; is Alfred," resumed Mr. Lumsden. "When me and the missis goes to see 'im, 'e never lets us leave without giving us something out of 'is garden to take back 'ome with us."

"Very kind of 'im," observed Mr. Bint, perfunctorily.

"Kind, yes," agreed Mr. Lumsden, "but a blarstid noosance, sometimes. 'Ave you ever travelled in a crowded train with a busted paper bag with 'alf-a-dozen pounds of potatoes in it? You'd be surprised what a strain it gets to be on your back britches' buttons. Nor a pound o' tomatoes in a side pocket ain't too good, if you 'appen to forget they're there."

Mr. Bint chuckled.

"Talking of vegetables," he said, "I was just remembering that time you threw them cabbages into the p'lice-station door, down Brixham way?"

And so the talk veered to reminiscences of spacious rollicking days at sea. More than once, as the erstwhile shipmates savoured again some past picaresque adventure, Mr. Bint seemed near the point of breaking his compact, but always loyally checked himself. And he continued to act as generous host till at last Mr. Lumsden, saying something about finding a hole in his pocket when he reached home, banged a ten-shilling note down on the counter, and thereafter the pair paid for refreshment turn and turn about.

"Sufferin' snakes!" exclaimed Mr. Lumsden, later, staring up at the clock. "We've been 'ere nigh an hour and a 'alf! I s'pose I reely 'ad better go and see about catching a train, now."

He frowned dissatisfied for awhile. Then;

"To blazes with Alfred!" he observed, with sudden vehemence. "There's plenty o' time left for 'im! Drink up. Sam, ol' pal! I'm ready for another!"

The clock was approaching eight, that evening, when two arm-linked figures shaped their course towards the appointed spot where Mr. Lumsden was to keep tryst with his spouse. To say that the gait of either of them was unsteady might perhaps be a calumny; rather let it be said that their feet moved with a certain independence of action, more especially noticeable in the case of Mr. Lumsden.

"Mind you," said Mr. Bint, "We've 'ad a good day."

"A good day!" cosily agreed Mr. Lumsden.

"It ain't everybody what gets chucked out of two kimmers in one afternoon, and chance it!" vaunted Mr. Bint. "And — and I've kept me word about not trying to persuade you, ain't, I, Ted?"

"Good lad! Good lad! murmured Mr. Lumsden, affectionately. "I shall often think o' this 'appy day when—when—when"

"When?" prompted Mr. Bint.

"Oh lawks!" he groaned, and seemingly gave himself over to con-

templation of a singularly cheerless future.

"Buck up, old chum!" Mr. Bint adjured him. "She can't kill you!"

"She can make me wish that she 'ad, though!" responded Mr. Lumsden. "Oh, I shan't 'alf cop-out for this! What my missis will say when she 'ears I ain't been to see Alfred! What them two females will say when they learn I've been out on a day's spree with you! My gore. I wish I 'ad the pluck to do a bunk! But I ain't got it, not even now, and never shall 'ave!"

"Any way, there's no need to let out that you've been on a spree with me," contended Mr. Bint. "I'll pretend I don't know you, when you meets 'er."

"She'll want to know all about me visit to Alfred!" moaned Mr. Lumsden, despairfully.

"Well, you can easy tell 'er, can't you?"

"Even if I did make up a tale, where's the hevidence? She'll want to see what Alfred give me out of 'is garden to bring 'ome. I tell you, 'e never lets us leave without giving us somethink, blarst 'im!"

"That's easy remedied," declared Mr. Bint. "We'll stroll round, and find a shop, and buy something."

But here disappointment lurked, for the shops of the neighbourhood had closed for the day, and the pair were forced to accept failure in their quest.

"Now I am done!" wailed Mr. Lumsden. "If I could 'ave shown 'er only a few brussels sprouts, I could 'ave made up a yarn to go with 'em. But I ain't got nothing — and Alfred always—"

"Tell 'er you lost what 'e give you," counselled Mr. Bint.

"Nor I'd never 'ear the last of that, neether. And what she'll say—"

Mr. Lumsden's gaze, roving unhappily, presented him with a view of a public clock. With an ejaculation of horror he broke into an amble, and, closely attended by Mr. Bint, headed for the place of rendezvous. In the fell grip of panic, Mr. Lumsden took no heed of what he passed as he pounded along the pavement, but Mr. Bint was more observant, and espied a costermonger trundling a loaded barrow on the opposite side of the road.

"You're saved, Ted!" he called to Mr. Lumsden. "I'll nip across and buy something off that green-grocery barrow. You keep on, and I'll catch you up!"

Mr. Lumsden puffed on, while Mr. Bint, crossing the roadway, effected a purchase, though not without suddenly changing his mind as to its nature. Then he cantered along again in pursuit of his friend.

A tall, gaunt female was waiting at a corner.

"Ain't you ashamed of yourself, Hedward?" she shrilled, as Mr. Lumsden panted up to her. "Keeping me waiting here nigh on ten minutes! And running along the pavement, too, so low and disrepectable! What Emmer will say about it—!"

"D-didn't want to keep you waiting, me dear."

"Don't you 'me dear' me, Hedward! I believe you've been up to



H.E. the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, inspecting police officers when he presented rewards last week.

something! And 'oo's this?" the lady demanded, as Mr. Bint added himself to their grouping.

"I — I don't know 'im from Adam!" disclaimed Mr. Lumsden. "I an't ever seen 'im before. I — I been down visiting Alfred all day, and—"

"I don't believe it!" snapped the lady. "You don't look as if you've been to see Alfred!"

"Oh, but I 'ave, me dear! I've 'ad a nice, long, quiet, pleasant day with 'im, and—and—"

The corner was darkish, and Mr. Lumsden's hands were spread open behind him. Mr. Bint, affecting a total lack of interest in events, strolled past Mr. Lumsden's back, and privately transferred his purchase to the worthy's grasp.

"And—and Alfred sent you 'is love," went on Mr. Lumsden, in firmer, more confident tones, "and,

just to prove I'm telling you the truth, look what Alfred 'as sent you, growed by 'isself in 'is very own garden!"

And from behind his back Mr. Lumsden triumphantly produced a large bunch of bananas.

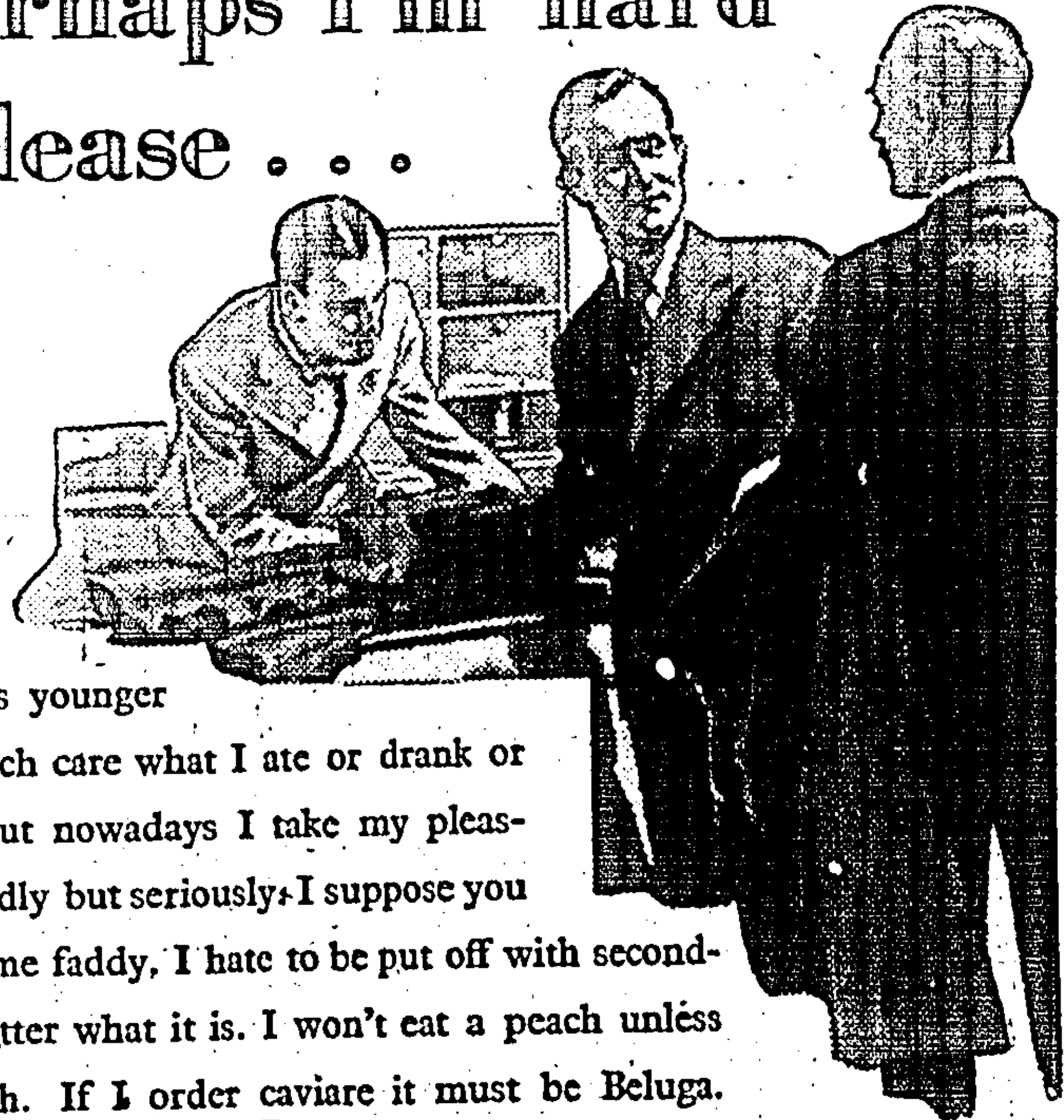
For perhaps five seconds, entire silence and inaction prevailed while both husband and wife stared with equal incredulity at the exotic fruit. Then Mr. Bint, choking and spluttering helplessly, turned away and went off up the road at high speed.

He had not got far before galloping footsteps pursued him.

"Don't stop!" cried Mr. Lumsden, catching up with him. "I'm coming with you! I signs-on to-night!"

"Good old Sam!" approved Mr. Bint. "I thought that might do the trick!"

"Perhaps I'm hard to please . . ."



When I was younger

I didn't much care what I ate or drank or smoked. But nowadays I take my pleasures, not sadly but seriously. I suppose you would call me faddy, I hate to be put off with second-best, no matter what it is. I won't eat a peach unless it is English. If I order caviare it must be Beluga.

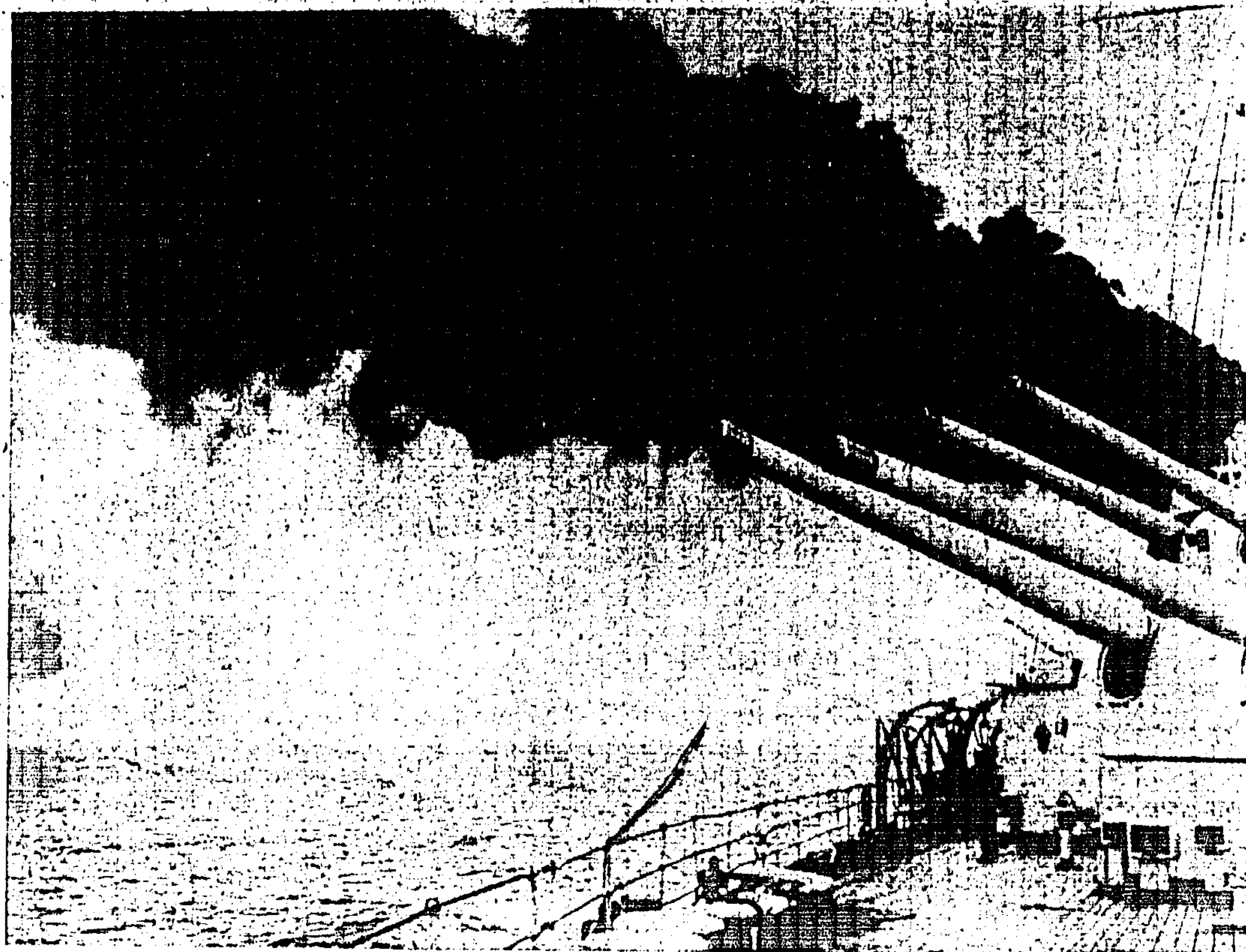


You see what I mean about whisky. While I can obtain a whisky as soft and smooth as a fine liqueur, why on earth should I be put off with anything less than White Horse? I admit that perhaps I am hard to please—but take it from me, it pays."

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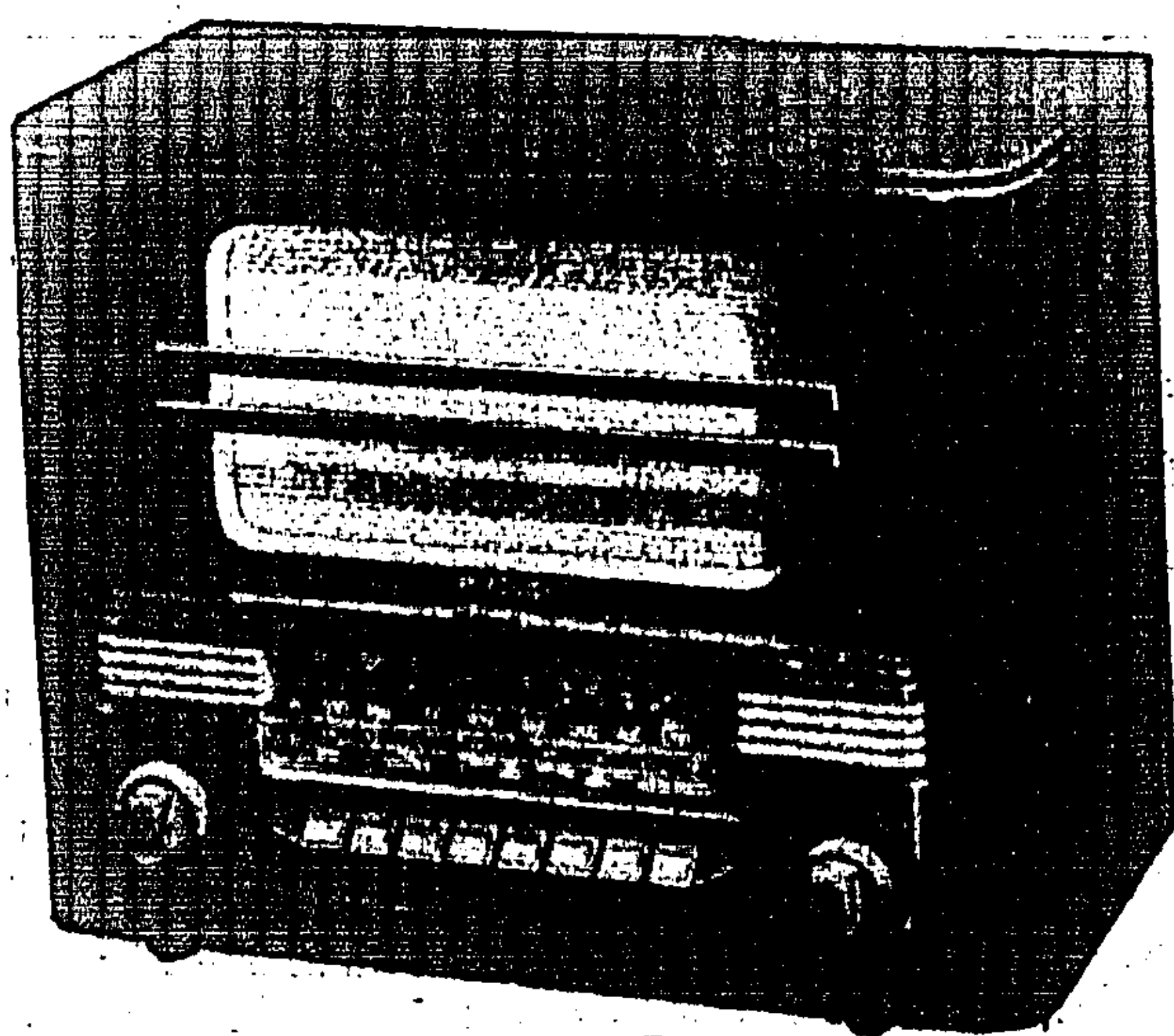
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"I didn't think he needed any, mother," replied Susan. "Daddy said he eats like a horse."

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T CANAL

"It's awfully kind of you fellows to do this," said the speaker, who found himself being carried shoulder high from the hall; "but did they tell you where I left my car?"

"Ec, lad," laughed one of the party, "you're not going to your car. You're going to t' canal."

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ONE WEEK ONLY

"I can't think who this lady can have been", said the mistress to her new maid. "Are you sure she knows me?"

"Well, madame, she said to me at the door, How long have you been here?" And I said, "Two days." And she said, "Well, I give you a week." I think she knows, you, madame."

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CONSIDERED

A timid chap was insulted in a public house recently when a very big man called him a liar. "Say that again," said the timid one, "and I'll knock your block off." "Consider it said" hissed the big man. "Oh, well," said the other. "Consider your block knocked off!"

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DRY CELL

"My name is Sparks, sir," said the offender, "and I am an electrician."

"And what is the prisoner charged with?" queried the magistrate.

"Battery," replied the sergeant.

"H'mm," murmured the magistrate. "Six months in a dry cell. Next!"

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Nurse To Reindeer

A Norwegian girl had come to London to learn English, and applied for a situation as nurse-general.

Could she cook? she was asked. No, she couldn't cook. Could she wait at table? No, she hadn't been taught that. Could she wash or sew? No. Then what could she do?

"Well", she replied. "I'm good at tending reindeer, and I can make cheese!"

CHILDREN'S PUZZLE

Eve Of Harvest Favoured For St. George's Plate

Blue Express Main Challenger

COCKLEROI AND ROSE-QUEEN FOR THE "DOUBLE"

(By "RAPIER")

The Third Extra Race Meeting, under the auspices of Hong Kong Jockey Club, to be held at the Valley to-morrow will consist of a varied and interesting programme of nine events, the most important of which is the St. George's Plate, which will be contested over 1 1/4 miles.

Race meetings this year up to the present stage have been conducted under brilliant weather, but to-morrow it will be safe to assume that, even if it does not rain, the track will be on the soft side, with the inevitable result that the going will be slow.

RACE NO. 1: ST. KILDA HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS

This opening event will be contested by "C" Class Australian ponies, other than ponies of this season, and among the entries I think the winner will come from one of the following:—

A Great Time (Mr. V. V. Needa).
Bredon (Mr. B. A. Proulx).
Discovery Bay (Mr. S. L. Yuen).
Macquarie River (Mr. D. Black).

In the Cabramatta Handicap, at the last meeting, A Great Time was strongly fancied to win, but, contrary to expectations, its stablemate, Discovery Bay, put up a grand performance and was responsible for the payment of a very handsome dividend. The distance in to-morrow's race should really suit A Great Time, which is quite a speedy animal, but in view of the way Discovery Bay ran, and in spite of the fact that it has been penalised by seven lbs., I have a strong feeling that it can still win.

At any rate the race should again be fought out between these two, with Discovery Bay likely to provide the stronger finish.

In Bredon we have a pony which has invariably done well over the five furlongs distance. It will be carrying top weight of 165 lbs. to-morrow, and there is just a possibility that it may not last out the extra furlong.

Macquarie River ran quite well a fortnight ago by taking third place in the race which was won by Discovery Bay, and, in view of the shorter distance, it will have to be seriously reckoned with. I give two possible outsiders in Annabella (Mr. Raymond) and Violet Queen (Mr. T. Y. Woo). They may be worth following, otherwise I nominate Discovery Bay to win, with A Great Time second and Bredon third.

RACE NO. 2: CANTON HANDICAP: FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN

In this race for the first lot of "B" Class China ponies, the likely winner should come from one of the following:—

Moonlight View (Mr. Pih).
New Star (Mr. S. W. Pan).
Red Feather (Mr. P. Y. T. Wei).
Rob Roy (Mr. C. Encarnacao).

For its win in the Hongham Bay Handicap (first section), over a mile at the last meeting, Moonlight View has been penalised by 4 lbs., but I don't think the extra weight will hamper its chances of winning, especially as Rob Roy, which came in second in the same race, will be carrying 168 lbs.

I believe that Red Feather is a potential winner, despite the fact that it will be carrying 165 lbs. It ran very well to win the Ladies' Purse at the Annual Meeting.

Then there is New Star, but this pony requires strong handling, and unless Mr. Pan can do this he will not be able to provide a strong challenge.

In my opinion, Moonlight View should win again, with Rob Roy second, and Red Feather third, leaving New Star as the outsider.

RACE NO. 3: THE ST. GEORGE'S PLATE: 1 1/4 MILES

This is really the main event of the day, and an interesting tussle is expected. The ponies to watch are:—

Blue Express (Mr. Encarnacao).
Conquering Time (Mr. B. L. Tao).
Eve of Harvest (Mr. D. Black).
Hyndford Bridge (Mr. V. V. Needa).

Lilliber (Mr. A. W. Raymond).

Eve of Harvest has been given top weight of 166 lbs. due to the fact that it is the best pony among this year's griffins, apart from Rose Elect and Navylight. It will be recalled that it was second in the Trial Plate, and third in the Derby, and with such performances to serve as a background, I feel that, despite the extra weight, it should bring home the St. George's Plate for its owner.

It will undoubtedly meet with strong opposition, especially from Blue Express, which won the Grand Stand Stakes.

Conquering Time may find the distance a little too long, but I feel that Eve of Harvest will have to put up a great fight in order to beat Hyndford Bridge and Lilliber. The race is thus very open, with Eve of Harvest as my choice to win, leaving the other ponies named to struggle for the minor positions.

RACE NO. 4: FATSHAN HANDICAP: (FIRST SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

In this sprint event for "C" Class China ponies, Heetic View (Mr. Pih) is given top weight of 168 lbs. followed by Rose Jane (Mr. Poy) with 165 lbs. In the Mils Bay Handicap over the same distance, Heetic View won with the light imposition of 148 lbs. and a sudden jump of 20 lbs. seems rather startling.

For this reason alone I cannot recommend Heetic View as a likely win-

ner, but in view of the fact that it has been rapidly improving, it may yet win.

King Kong (Mr. Raymond) was well backed at the last meeting, when it was beaten by Jennifer, and it has a good chance of winning to-morrow, but as Rose Emily will probably be ridden by Mr. Encarnacao I suggest that it should be borne in mind. At the previous meeting Mr. Poy was unable to bring the pony up far enough to provide the necessary challenge and had to be content with being third.

As an outsider, I suggest Blue Diamond. At the previous meeting this pony ran very well, and it may win to-morrow. However, I prefer King Kong, with Rose Emily second and Blue Diamond third.

RACE NO. 5: BROKEN HILL HAN- DICAP: FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN

From a point of view of excitement, this event should prove the most interesting, as all the best ponies among this year's lot of Australian Griffins will be on view.

This is also the first leg of the "Daily Double," so a careful study of form may prove profitable.

Triumphant Day (Mr. B. L. Tao), surprise winner of the Rooty-Hill Derby, will have to carry 165 lbs. As this pony is essentially a long distance animal, and is carrying extra weight, it will not be fast enough against the other sprinters. The ponies to watch, however, are:—

Cockleroi (Mr. Needa).
Chiltern (Mr. Encarnacao).
Happy Landings (Mr. Davis).
Rivulet (Mr. Pih), provided the latter is really fit again.

It will be recalled that in the Rooty-Hill Derby, it ran quite well until passing the Rock, and then finished up as if it were lame.

I like Cockleroi's chances — it was third in the Rooty-Hill Derby, and it will certainly be fighting out to-morrow's finish.

The most dangerous pony, however, is Happy Landings, which won the Blue Mountains Plate over 1 1/4 miles, and if Mr. Davis does not remain too far back, he should have a good opportunity of winning.

Chiltern can also win, especially when it is remembered that it came second in the Rooty-Hill Derby and subsequently won the Randwick Plate over a mile at the First Extra Meeting.

My selections are: — Cockleroi to win, Happy Landings second, and Chiltern third, leaving Rivulet as the

pony capable of causing an upset, if it is fit again.

RACE NO. 6: CANTON HANDICAP: (SECOND SECTION): FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN

The second lot of "B" Class China ponies will figure in this event and from the entries I expect one of the following to be the winner:—

Gladiator (Mr. B. L. Tao).
Jobber (Mr. A. W. Raymond).
Just In Time (Mr. V. V. Needa).
Potentate (Mr. Encarnacao).
Tampa Bay (Mr. Black).

Gladiator came second to Galaxy in the Hongham Bay Handicap (second section) over a mile, and for doing so it has been penalised by 10 lbs. There is no doubt, however, that it is gradually regaining some of its old form, and to-morrow it will have a good opportunity of scoring its first win for its new owner, Mrs. A. E. Grasset.

The real danger, however, is Potentate, which, if taken out by Mr. Encarnacao, will command the most support.

Jobber, with only 151 lbs. to carry, looks most tempting, and if it is allowed to take a big lead it will be hard to beat. I think the finish will be fought out between Gladiator and Potentate, with Jobber as the one capable of causing an upset. Just In Time may put up a good fight for third place.

RACE NO. 7: FATSHAN HAN- DICAP (SECOND SECTION): SIX FURLONGS

Those who succeed in making the right choice in the first leg of the "Daily Double," should not experience much difficulty in making the right connection in this race, which is confined to "C" Class China ponies. It will be recalled that in the Kellett Handicap (second section) over a mile, Rose-Queen (Mr. Encarnacao), although beaten, put up a grand performance against Scenic View.

Despite a penalty of 10 lbs., I am fully confident that Rose-Queen will win to-morrow, thus scoring its first victory on behalf of its new jockey owner, Mr. "Billy" Poy.

Amberley, with Mr. Wei up, should fill second place, and Bistre (Mr. Chanson) should account for the other minor position. As an outsider, I suggest Pinfarthings (Mr. Churchill).

RACE NO. 8: HOBART STAKES: FROM THE ONE AND A HALF MILE POST

This race is confined to this year's Australian ponies that have won less than \$500 in stakes.

Bruno (Mr. Churchill) ran third in the Coolgardie Stakes over the mile at the last meeting, but as this is a sprint event I don't think it can win here.

Although it ran unplaced in the same race, Amber II (Mr. Ip Kui Ying) is the best bet here. On that occasion it ran off into a big lead, and it was only when it reached the two mile post that it was beaten.

Should Mr. Ip succeed in getting off to a good start, Amber II will be most difficult to catch.

The best pony here is really Ruby Star (Mr. Pan), and I cannot account for the poor form which this pony has displayed so far. Well thought of during training, Ruby Star has been most disappointing.

I nominate Amber II to win, with Bruno second and Ruby Star third.

RACE NO. 9: KONGMUN STAKES: FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN

The programme will conclude with a race for novice jockeys in which they will be given mounts on subscription griffins, China ponies of this season that have not won more than \$250 in stakes.

I think the winner will come from one of the following three:—

Talkative (Mr. C. F. Chiu).
Some Hope (Mr. K. I. Ip).
Haddon (Mr. Trevorton).

Talkative was considered a good pony during the course of preparation for the Annual Meeting, but for some reason or other it has failed to come up to expectations. As it will be ridden by Mr. C. F. Chiu to-morrow, perhaps a win may be forthcoming, but it will be strongly challenged by Some Hope, another pony which has so far failed to give of its best.

In Haddon we have yet another pony which has shown discouraging form, but in this race it may provide a surprise. I nominate Some Hope for a win with Talkative second and Haddon third.

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Leicester (1) v GRIMSBY (0)
Liverpool (4) v Sunderland (0)

MANCHESTER
TER U. (-) v Brentford (-)
MIDDLESBROUGH
BRO' (4) v Derby (2)
PRESTON (1) v Huddersfield (1)
STOKE (1) v Arsenal (1)

SECOND DIVISION
Burnley (1) v WEDNESDAY (1)

COVENTRY (-) v Tranmere (-)
LUTON (-) v Millwall (-)
NEWCASTLE (1) v Swansea (0)
Norwich (-) v MANCHESTER C. (-)

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)
Notts F. (4) v CHESTERFIELD (2)

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)
Plymouth (2) v Blackburn (2)

SHREWSBURY
U. (2) v Fulham (1)
Southampton (3) v West Ham (3)
TOTTENHAM (1) v Bury (3)
WEST BROM. (-) v Bradford (-)

BOURNEMOUTH (3) v Aldershot (0)

BRIGHTON (0) v Notts C. (1)
Bristol R. (0) v Northampton (0)
CARDIFF (5) v Torquay (2)
Exeter (0) v Swindon (0)
IPSWICH (-) v Clapton O. (-)
MANSFIELD (2) v Crystal P. (0)
QUEEN'S P.R. (2) v Watford (0)
SOUTHEND (-) v Port Vale (-)
WALSALL (-) v Bristol C. (-)

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)
Accrington (0) v Rotherham (0)
BARNLEY (-) v Rochdale (-)
BARROW (0) v Hartlepool (0)
BRADFORD C. (4) v Carlisle (0)

CHESTER (3) v Darlington (2)
Halifax (0) v Wrexham (0)
Hull (1) v CREWE (1)
LINCOLN (1) v Southport (3)

NEW BRIGHTON
TON (4) v Gateshead (1)
OLDHAM (6) v York (2)
STOCKPORT (-) v Doncaster (-)

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (FIRST DIVISION)
Aberdeen (-) v ABERDEEN (-)
ARBROATH (1) v Partick (1)
Ayr (1) v St. Mirren (1)

CELTIC (6) v St. Johnstone (0)
HEARTS (0) v Clyde (0)
Kilmarnock (1) v Queen's Park (3)

MOTHERWELL (3) v Falkirk (2)
Raith (-) v Queen O'S. (-)

THREE WHO MAY WIN AWAY

Wednesday
Chesterfield
Crewe

TEAMS TO BE AVOIDED

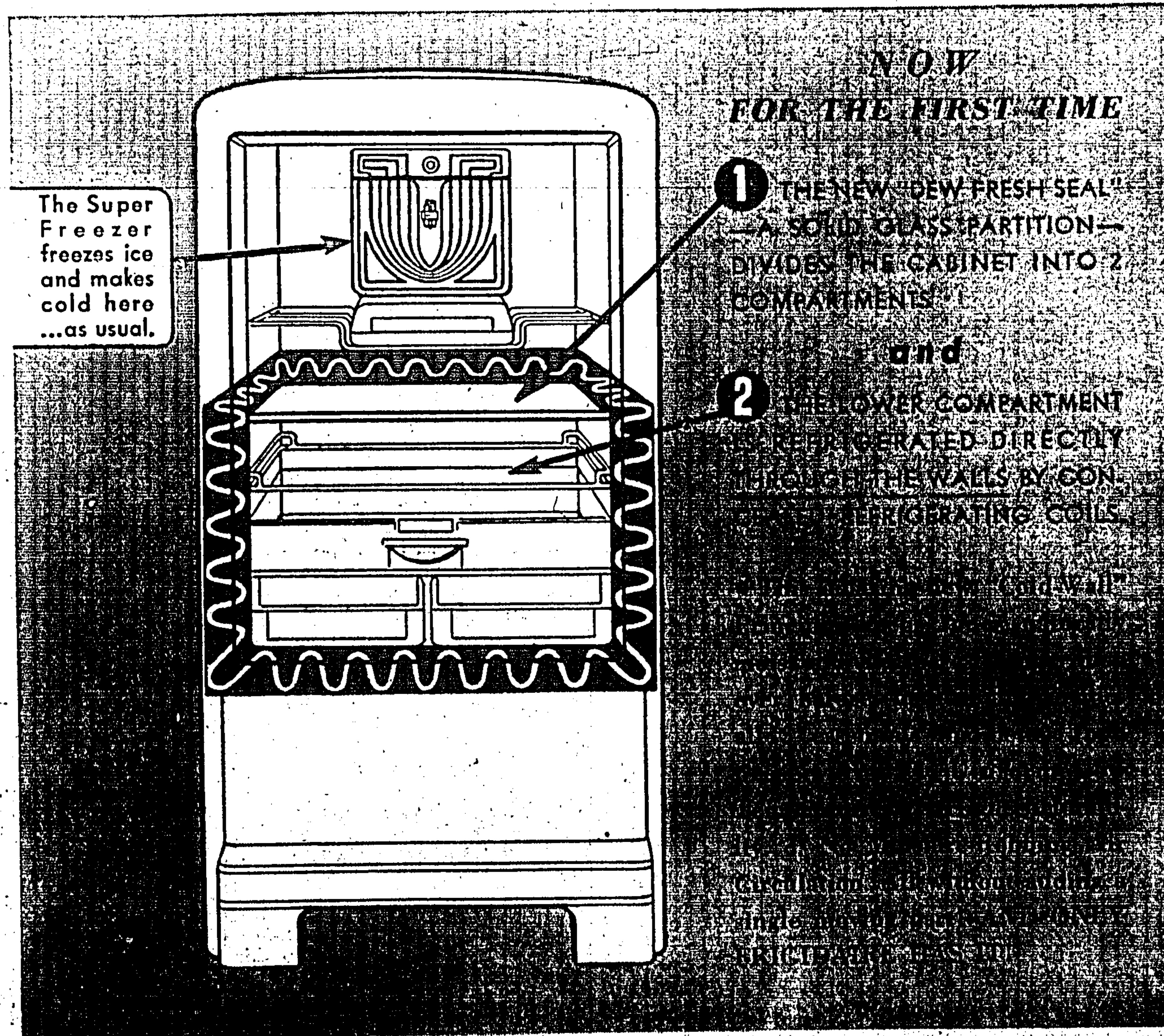
Wolves.—Oop for t'Coop next week.
Brighton.—Notts County won here last year.

RANGERS (2) v Hamilton (2)
THIRD
LANARK (1) v Hibernian (0)

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FOOTBALL

English Touring Teams For South Africa And Continent

London, April 7.

The following have been selected to take part in the English Football Association's tour to South Africa this summer:—

GOALKEEPERS—Bartram (Charlton Athletic), Mapson (Sunderland).

FULL BACKS—Jackson (Everton), Jones (J. E.) (Everton), Gadsby (Leeds United).

HALF BACKS—J. W. Lewis (Walthamstow Avenue), Britton (Everton), Oakes (John) (Charlton Athletic), Fenton (E.) (West Ham United), Betmead (Grimsby Town).

FORWARDS—Mahon (Huddersfield Town), A. H. Gibbons (Royal Air Force), Fenton (Middlesbrough), Ainsley (Leeds United), Brook (Manchester City), L. C. Finch (Barnet), Beasley (Huddersfield Town), Browns (A.) (Charlton Athletic).

The party leaves Southampton on May 11 on the Winchester Castle.

A splendid set of footballers have been chosen for the tour, and they should acquit themselves well. The three previous English teams which visited the Springboks, in 1910, 1920, and 1929, won all their engagements, and no doubt these eighteen players will do their utmost to maintain the wonderful record. The combination contains a blend of youth and experience, and the majority come from First Division clubs, which should satisfy South Africa that the team is fully representative of the best type of English football.

Among the party are three amateurs—Lewis, Gibbons, and Finch—who should fit in with their professional colleagues. Aircraftman Gibbons has already proved his ability in League football with Tottenham Hotspur, and has also played some fine games for Brentford.

TEAM FOR THE CONTINENT

The following have been chosen by English Football Association to make the close season Continental tour in Italy, Yugoslavia, and Rumania, May 13, 18, and 24:—

Woodley (Chelsea), Morris (Wolverhampton Wanderers), Hapgood (Arsenal), Willingham (Huddersfield Town), Cullis (Wolverhampton Wanderers), Coppinger (Leeds United), Matthews (Stoke City), Hall (G. W.) (Tot-

tenham Hotspur), Lawton (Everton), Stephenson (Leeds United), Maguire (Wolverhampton Wanderers).

Reserves to travel—Male (Arsenal), Galley (Wolverhampton Wanderers), Broome (Aston Villa).

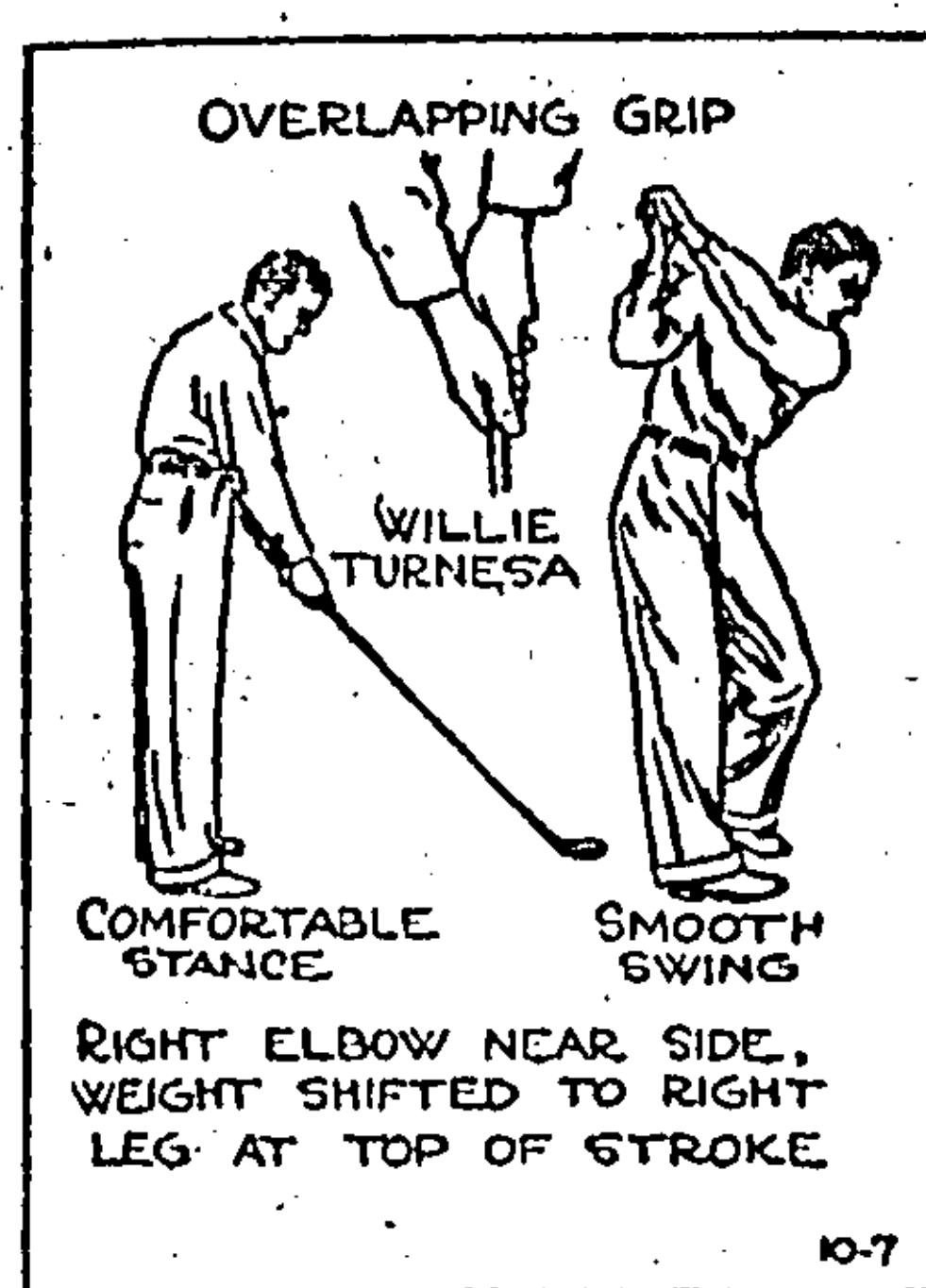
The party leave London on Tuesday, May 9.

In some respects the selectors have sprung surprises, for of the side already picked to meet Scotland on Saturday week, Mercer (Everton), Goulden (West Ham), and Brook (Manchester City) are omitted. The case of Brook is explained by his name appearing among those going to South Africa, but Goulden and Mercer have both been dropped. Possibly they were considered too slight for such a big task, for three international matches within the space of a few days calls for super stamina. In Coppinger, who takes Mercer's place, England possess a player who revels in taking hard knocks. Stephenson, the Leeds inside left, who will appear instead of Goulden, did well for England when Ireland were beaten 7-0 at Manchester in November.

Maguire is a new cap. There has been a dearth of class left wingers in England this season, but Maguire, who recently moved to that position from the right, has served Wolves well. Born at Meadowfield, Maguire has had only three years in League football.

The fact that Scotland has refused to number her players in both the amateur international at Dulwich on Saturday and in the big battle at Hampden Park in April will cause a deal of comment in England. Why does Scotland persist in this short-sighted policy? There is no sound reasoning for it. The English F.A. have decided that our players be numbered, and in both matches we will have the rather piebald spectacle of one side being numbered and the other not. Which is just silly. Scotland is certainly out of step this time, and she cannot afford to stay out of step much longer.—A writer in the Daily Sketch.

GRAPHIC GOLF



WILLIE TURNESA

By BEST BALL

An easy, comfortable stance features Willie Turnesa's game. His recent victory in the National Amateur championship was no sudden flash to fame or over his head playing. For years he has been in the thick of amateur tournaments with a game so well founded in fundamentals that he was always a dangerous threat. His instruction has always been of the highest order for all of his brothers play golf, one of them, Joe Turnesa, being a former National Open crown wearer. As a result Willie has a smooth stroke, featuring a straight left arm which keeps it in a consistent groove. His right elbow is kept comfortably close to the right side, keeping the swing from coming onto the ball from the outside in. Like most of the successful golfers he uses the overlapping grip, the left hand fairly well over the shaft. The right palm, when opened would be facing the line of flight.

Monday—Streamline Driving.

ARMY INDIVIDUAL BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Army Individual Boxing Championships will take place at Nanking Barracks, Shamshupo on the 24th, 25th and 27th April, commencing each evening at 8.30 p.m.

The General public are welcome and tickets may be obtained at the door. Prices of admission are \$1.00 and 50 cents. Servicemen in uniform will be admitted for 20 cents.

A good entry is expected and there should be some interesting bouts.

There will also be a competition for enlisted boys.

It is expected that His Excellency, Major General A. E. Grasset, D.S.O., M.C., General Officer Commanding, China Command will present the prizes."

WALKER'S THIRD 100

Cairo, April 11.

D. F. Walker, the former Oxford University captain, scored 100—his third century of the tour—for H. M. Martineau's team against the Gezireh Sporting Club to-day. C. H. Taylor, the Cambridge University and Leicestershire player, also showed grand form in scoring 122.

At the close of play, Martineau's side had scored 377 for six. The match will last for three days.—Press Association.

HOME FOOTBALL TABLES TO DATE

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Everton	39	26	5	8	84	47	57
Wolves	39	21	9	9	89	56	51
Charlton	39	20	7	12	71	56	47
Middlesbro'	40	19	8	13	90	73	46
Derby	40	19	8	13	65	51	46
Arsenal	39	17	9	13	51	39	43
Bolton	38	15	12	11	60	55	42
Stoke	39	15	11	13	70	68	41
Liverpool	40	14	13	13	61	60	41
Aston Villa	39	16	8	15	70	55	40
Preston	39	14	11	13	56	55	39
Grimsby	40	14	11	15	56	69	39
Leeds	40	15	8	17	57	64	38
Portsmouth	40	12	13	15	46	67	37
Blackpool	39	11	13	15	52	64	35
Sunderland	39	13	9	17	53	66	35
Brentford	39	14	7	18	52	68	35
Huddersfield	40	12	10	18	59	61	34
Manchester U.	39	9	15	15	52	65	33
Leicester	40	9	11	20	48	78	29
Chelsea	38	11	6	21	60	77	28
Birmingham	39	10	7	22	55	82	27

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Blackburn	39	24	4	11	94	58	52
Luton	39	22	4	13	81	61	48
Wednesday	39	19	10	10	84	59	48
Sheffield U.	38	17	13	8	56	39	47
Manchester C.	38	20	5	13	91	68	45
Coventry	38	19	7	12	67	41	45
Chesterfield	38	18	9	11	61	47	45
Tottenham	39	18	9	12	62	52	45
Newcastle	40	17	10	13	58	47	44
West Brom.	40	17	9	14	85	68	43
Fulham	39	16	10	13	59	51	42
West Ham	39	15	9	15	66	51	39
Burnley	40	15	9	16	48	54	39
Millwall	40	13	13	14	62	52	39
Bury	40	11	13	16	60	68	35
Plymouth	39	13	8	18	45	53	34
Southampton	39	12	9	18	54	77	33
Bradford	40	11	11	18	59	80	33
Swansea	39	10	11	18	45	74	31
Notts F.	39	9	11	19	47	79	29
Norwich	38	12	4	22	46	84	28
Tranmere	40	6	5	29	38	95	17

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Newport	40	22	11	7	58	38	55
Crystal P.	38	19	10	9	65	49	48
Brighton	39	17	10	12	60	46	44
Aldershot	39	16	12	11	51	54	44
Reading	40	15	14	11	67	57	44
Watford	39	16	11	12	60	50	43
Notts C.	38	17	8	13	58	46	42
Swindon	38	17	7	14	69	66	41
Bristol C.	39	14	11	14	58	60	39
Cardiff	39	14	10	15	55	58	38
Exeter	39	13	12	14	62	77	38
Queen's P.R.	37	13	11	13	61	46	37
Northampton	38	15	7	16	51	52	37
Southend	38	14	8	16	54	61	36
Bournemouth	38	12	12	14	46	67	36
Mansfield	39	11	13	15	40	60	35
Ipswich	37	11	12	14	49	56	34
Bristol R.	40	10	13	17	53	52	33
Port Vale	39	12	9	18	49	60	33
Torquay	38	12	9	17	45	63	33
Clapton O.	38	10	11	17	46	50	31
Walsall	38	8	11	19	52	65	27

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Barnsley	40	28	7	5	88	34	63
Doncaster	38	18	14	6	75	42	50
Bradford C.	39	20	8	11	83	52	48
Southport	38	18	10	10	71	46	46
Oldham	40	20	5	15	65	55	45
Hull	40	17	10	13	80	69	44
Crewe	40	19	5	16	84	71	43
Stockport	39	17	8	14	83	68	42
Chester	38	17	8	13	80	67	42
Rotherham	40	17	7	16	63	62	41
Halifax	38	13	13	12	45	45	39
Barrow	40	16	7	27	64	63	39
Rochdale	40	15	9	16	91	75	39
New Brighton	39	14	9	16	62	67	37
Gateshead	38	13	11	14	68	62	37
Wrexham	39	15	6	18	60	78	36
Lincoln	39	12	9	18	64	62	33
Darlington	39	13	5	21	60	89	31
York	37	11	8	18	59	78	30
Carlisle	39	12	6	21	60	107	30
Hartlepool	39	12	5	22	52	88	29
Accrington	40	5	6	29	44	100	16

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (FIRST DIVISION)

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Rangers	36	24	9	3	109	49	57
Celtic	33	19	7	9	94	48	45
Hearts	36	19	5	12	95	68	43
Falkirk	36	18	7	11	70	60	43
Aberdeen	35	18	6	11	86	60	42
Queen O'S.	36	16	9	11	66	60	41
St. Johnstone	37	17	5	15	82	81	39
Hamilton	36	17	5	14	62	67	39
Kilmarnock	35	14	9	12	69	78	37
Glyde	36	16	5	15	73	67	37
Partick	36	16	4	16	72	88	36
Motherwell	35	15	5	15	77	80	35
Hibernian	36	13	7	16	67	66	33
Avr.	35	12	8	15	68	78	32
Third Lanark	36	11	7	18	25	90	29
Arbroath	37	10	8	19	50	25	28
Ablon	36	10	6	20	62	80	26
Queen's Park	36	10	5	21	55	80	25
St. Mirren	36	9	7	20	50	77	25
Rath	36	10	2	24	68	98	22



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LEAGUE TABLES & FORM GUIDE

COVERING the last five League matches, this guide to current form in the English and Scottish Football Leagues indicates venue, opponent and result, with the most recent result on the extreme right column, i.e. (a18) indicates that the team played away to Team No. 18.

FIRST DIVISION

1 Arsenal	(h17)	1-2	(a 4)	0-1	(a 3)	2-1	(h 4)	2-1	(h16)	2-1
2 Aston Villa	(h19)	3-0	(a 7)	0-1	(a22)	1-2	(h22)	2-2	(h 5)	1-3
3 Birmingham	(a18)	0-2	(a15)	0-4	(h 1)	1-2	(h15)	0-0	(a 6)	1-0
4 Blackpool	(h15)	1-1	(h 1)	1-0	(a14)	4-3	(a 1)	1-2	(h17)	4-0
5 Bolton	(h 9)	2-1	(a11)	1-1	(h21)	2-1	(a20)	1-4	(a 2)	3-1
6 Brentford	(h14)	2-0	(h19)	3-1	(a17)	1-3	(a19)	0-2	(h 3)	0-1
7 Charlton	(a21)	1-1	(h 8)	2-0	(h 2)	1-0	(a 8)	3-1	(a22)	1-3
8 Chelsea	(a22)	0-6	(a 7)	0-2	(h10)	0-2	(h 7)	1-3	(a12)	1-3
9 Derby	(h13)	1-0	(a18)	3-1	(a15)	1-2	(h18)	0-1	(h14)	1-1
10 Everton	(h20)	1-1	(a21)	2-1	(a 8)	2-0	(h21)	6-2	(h19)	0-0
11 Grimsby	(h12)	3-3	(a13)	1-0	(a12)	0-2	(h15)	2-1	(a18)	1-2
12 Huddersfield	(a11)	3-3	(a20)	2-2	(h11)	2-0	(h 8)	3-1	(a13)	1-2
13 Leeds	(a16)	0-0	(h11)	0-1	(h16)	3-1	(a21)	1-2	(h12)	2-1
14 Leicester	(a 6)	0-2	(h 4)	3-4	(a17)	2-3	(h17)	5-3	(a 9)	1-1
15 Liverpool	(a 4)	1-1	(h 3)	4-0	(h 9)	2-1	(a 3)	0-0	(a11)	1-2
16 Manchester U.	(a12)	1-1	(h13)	0-0	(h18)	1-1	(a13)	1-3	(a 1)	1-2
17 Middlesbrough	(a 1)	2-1	(h 6)	3-1	(h14)	3-2	(a14)	3-5	(a 4)	0-4
18 Portsmouth	(h 9)	1-3	(a16)	1-1	(a 9)	1-0	(h20)	2-0	(h11)	2-1
19 Preston	(a 2)	0-3	(a 6)	1-3	(h22)	4-2	(h 6)	2-0	(a10)	0-0
20 Stoke	(h22)	5-3	(a10)	1-1	(h12)	2-2	(h 5)	4-1	(a18)	0-2
21 Sunderland	(h 7)	1-1	(h10)	1-2	(a 5)	1-2	(a10)	2-6	(h13)	2-1
22 Wolves	(h 8)	2-0	(a19)	2-4	(h 2)	2-1	(a 2)	2-2	(h 7)	3-1

SECOND DIVISION

1 Blackburn	(h21)	3-0	(a 7)	3-2	(a12)	0-4	(h 7)	2-1	(h16)	3-0
2 Bradford	(h 6)	0-2	(a22)	2-0	(a13)	0-2	(h22)	1-2	(h15)	0-3
3 Burnley	(h 5)	1-2	(a19)	3-0	(h15)	2-3	(h22)	1-0	(a 9)	0-2
4 Bury	(h14)	3-0	(h 9)	1-5	(a15)	1-1	(a 9)	0-0	(h11)	1-1
5 Chesterfield	(a 3)	2-1	(h18)	3-1	(h11)	2-0	(a16)	2-2	(h 8)	1-2
6 Coventry	(a 2)	2-0	(h17)	3-0	(a12)	1-1	(h12)	2-0	(a 7)	0-1
7 Fulham	(h 1)	2-3	(a 8)	1-2	(a 1)	1-2	(h 6)	1-0	(h20)	2-2
8 Luton	(a20)	1-4	(h16)	6-2	(h 7)	2-1	(a16)	4-0	(a 5)	2-1
9 Manchester C.	(h13)	3-0	(a 4)	5-1	(a11)	2-0	(h 4)	0-0	(h 3)	2-0
10 Millwall	(h11)	1-1	(h20)	2-0	(a21)	0-0	(a20)	1-3	(h18)	2-0
11 Newcastle	(h 1)	2-2	(a10)	1-1	(a 5)	0-2	(h 9)	0-2	(a 4)	1-1
12 Norwich	(a 7)	0-2	(h 1)	4-0	(h 6)	1-1	(a 6)	0-2	(a19)	1-0
13 Notts F.	(a 9)	0-3	(h21)	2-0	(h 2)	2-0	(a21)	0-0	(a20)	1-1
14 Plymouth	(a 4)	0-3	(a18)	6-2	(h20)	1-1	(h18)	0-1	(a17)	1-2
15 Sheffield U.	(h19)	2-0	(a22)	0-0	(a 3)	3-2	(h 4)	1-1	(a 2)	3-0
16 Southampton	(a17)	3-1	(a 8)	2-6	(h 5)	2-2	(h 8)	0-4	(a 1)	0-3
17 Swans	(a19)	0-2	(a 6)	0-3	(h19)	1-0	(h14)	2-1	(a21)	0-0
18 Tottenham	(a 5)	1-3	(h14)	1-0	(h19)	3-1	(a14)	1-0	(a10)	0-2
19 Tranmere	(h 3)	0-3	(h17)	2-0	(a18)	1-3	(a17)	0-1	(h12)	0-1
20 Wednesday	(a10)	0-2	(a14)	1-1	(h10)	3-0	(h13)	1-1	(a 7)	2-2
21 West Brom.	(a13)	0-2	(h10)	0-0	(h13)	0-0	(a22)	1-2	(h17)	0-0
22 West Ham	(h15)	0-0	(h 2)	0-2	(a 3)	0-1	(a 2)	2-1	(h21)	2-1

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

1 Aldershot	(h22)	1-1	(a 6)	4-2	(a22)	1-1	(h10)	3-1	(h15)	1-0
2 Bournemouth	(a20)	0-2	(a 3)	1-1	(h19)	2-0	(h 3)	2-0	(a15)	0-2
3 Brighton	(a19)	2-3	(h 2)	1-1	(h15)	1-0	(a 2)	0-2	(a22)	1-1
4 Bristol C.	(h 6)	1-1	(a 8)	2-3	(a10)	0-4	(h 8)	1-1	(h17)	5-1
5 Bristol R.	(h21)	2-0	(h22)	1-1	(a21)	2-2	(a 8)	0-0	(h 8)	1-2
6 Cardiff	(a18)	0-2	(h 1)	2-4	(h18)	1-0	(a14)	1-1	(h14)	4-1
7 Clapton	(h 9)	3-3	(a11)	0-1	(a 9)	1-2	(h16)	2-1	(h20)	3-0
8 Crystal P.	(h 4)	3-2	(a17)	1-3	(a 4)	1-1	(h 5)	0-0	(a 5)	2-1
9 Exeter	(a 7)	3-3	(h14)	1-0	(h 7)	2-1	(a18)	1-0	(a13)	0-0
10 Ipswich	(a16)	0-0	(h 4)	4-0	(h16)	1-0	(a 1)	1-3	(a18)	0-0
11 Mansfield	(a11)	0-0	(h17)	0-0	(h 7)	1-0	(a17)	0-0	(a20)	0-3
12 Newport	(h10)	0-0	(h20)	1-0	(a16)	0-0	(a20)	1-1	(h18)	3-0
13 Northampton	(h16)	1-0	(a19)	0-1	(a18)	0-2	(h19)	0-2	(h 9)	0-0
14 Notts C.	(a15)	1-3	(a 9)	0-1	(h15)	4-0	(h 6)	1-1	(a 6)	1-4
15 Port Vale	(h14)	3-1	(a 3)	0-1	(a14)	0-4	(h 2)	2-0	(a 1)	0-1
16 Queen's P.R.	(a13)	0-1	(h10)	0-0	(h12)	0-0	(a10)	0-1	(a 7)	1-9
17 Reading	(a22)	1-3	(a11)	0-0	(h 8)	3-1	(h11)	0-0	(a 4)	1-5
18 Southend	(h13)	2-0	(a 6)	0-1	(h 9)	0-1	(a12)	0-3	(h10)	0-0
19 Swindon	(h 3)	3-2	(h13)	1-0	(a 2)	0-2	(a13)	2-0	(h21)	1-4
20 Torquay	(a12)	0-1	(a21)	0-5	(h12)	1-1	(h11)	3-0	(a 7)	0-3
21 Walsall	(a 7)	1-1	(a 5)	0-2	(h20)	5-0	(h 5)	2-2	(a19)	4-1
22 Watford	(h17)	3-1	(a 1)	1-1	(a 5)	1-1	(h 1)	1-1	(h 3)	1-1

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

1 Accrington	(a21)	0-2	(a 8)	1-7	(h22)	3-1	(h 9)	0-0	(a17)	1-4
2 Barnsley	(a10)	1-1	(a20)	1-1	(h21)	2-1	(h20)	0-1	(a22)	3-2
3 Barrow	(a 7)	1-1	(a 6)	2-1	(h 5)	5-0	(h 6)	0-1	(a 8)	1-3
4 Bradford C.	(h18)	5-2	(a15)	1-2	(h19)	2-1	(h15)	3-3	(a 7)	0-0
5 Carlisle	(h15)	1-1	(h22)	1-3	(a 3)	0-5	(a22)	1-4	(h 6)	1-3
6 Chester	(a19)	0-2	(h 3)	1-2	(h 7)	4-0	(a 3)	1-0	(a 5)	3-1
7 Crewe	(h 3)	1-1	(h17)	4-1	(a 6)	0-4	(a17)	0-5	(h 4)	0-0
8 Darlington	(h11)	1-0	(h21)	3-1	(a15)	0-3	(a21)	1-8	(h 3)	3-1
9 Doncaster	(a 6)	4-0	(h 1)	7-1	(a13)	0-0	(a 1)	0-0	(h14)	4-1
10 Gateshead	(a 2)	1-1	(a12)	1-3	(a16)	2-1	(h12)	2-0	(h11)	2-0
11 Halifax	(a 8)	0-1	(a13)	1-1	(h12)	2-0	(h13)	1-0	(a10)	0-2
12 Hartlepool	(h16)	0-0	(h10)	3-1	(a11)	0-2	(a10)	0-2	(h15)	3-2
13 Hull	(h11)	1-1	(h 9)	0-0	(a11)	0-1	(a19)	0-4	(h19)	2-1
14 Lincoln	(a17)	0-4	(h16)	1-0	(h18)	0-1	(a16)	0-1	(a 9)	1-4
15 New Brighton	(a 5)	1-1	(h 4)	2-1	(h 8)	3-0	(a 4)	3-3	(a12)	2-3
16 Oldham	(a14)	0-1	(h10)	1-3	(h14)	1-0	(a21)	1-4	(h20)	3-1
17 Rochdale	(h14)	4-0	(a 7)	1-4	(a20)	2-1	(h 7)	5-0	(h 1)	4-1
18 Rotherham	(h13)	0-2	(a19)	0-1	(a14)	1-0	(h19)	1-0	(h20)	3-2
19 Southport	(h18)	1-0	(a 4)	1-2	(h18)	0-1	(h13)	4-0	(a13)	1-2
20 Stockport	(h 2)	1-1	(h17)	1-2	(a 2)	1-0	(a18)	2-3	(a16)	1-3
21 Wrexham	(h 1)	2-0	(a 8)	1-3	(a 2)	1-2	(h 8)	3-1	(h16)	4-1
22 York	(h20)	1-2	(a 5)	3-1	(a 1)	1-3	(h 5)	4-1	(h 2)	2-3

SCOTTISH LEAGUE (FIRST DIVISION)

1 Aberdeen	(a 6)	1-1	(a 8)	0-1	(h15)	2-1	(h14)	4-3	(a16)	2-3
2 Albion	(a17)	0-5	(a14)	3-3	(a 9)	0-2	(h11)	6-1	(a 6)	0-0
3 Arbroath	(a20)	0-3	(a10)	1-1	(h19)	2-1	(a 5)	0-2	(h 4)	3-0
4 Ayr	(h 5)	1-4	(h12)	6-1	(a18)	1-0	(h 7)	3-0	(a 3)	0-3
5 Celtic	(a 4)	4-1	(h 7)	1-2	(h 3)	2-0	(a10)	0-1	(a15)	2-1
6 Clyde	(a16)	2-0	(h17)	1-1	(a 8)	2-1	(h 2)	0-0	(h20)	4-1
7 Falkirk	(a 5)	2-1	(h20)	4-0	(a 4)	0-3	(h19)	2-1	(a12)	3-1
8 Hamilton	(a 2)	0-5	(h 1)	1-0	(h11)	3-1	(h 6)	1-2	(a15)	2-1
9 Hearts	(h14)	1-2	(a17)	1-1	(h 2)	2-0	(h16)	2-1	(a11)	1-4
10 Hibernian	(a 7)	1-1	(h 3)	1-1	(a18)	0-4	(a19)	0-0	(h 5)	1-0
11 Kilmarnock	(h14)	1-1	(a16)	3-2	(a 8)	1-3	(a 2)	1-6	(h 9)	4-1
12 Motherwell	(h13)	4-3	(a 4)	1-6	(a20)	1-3	(h18)	3-1	(h 7)	1-3
13 Partick	(a12)	3-4	(a19)	4-1	(h10)	4-0	(a18)	0-7	(h20)	4-1
14 Queen's P.	(a11)	1-1	(a 9)	2-1	(h 2)	3-8	(a 1)	3-4	(h17)	1-1
15 Queen's Park	(a 1)	1-2	(h18)	2-0	(a17)	0-1	(h 8)	1-2	(h 5)	1-2
16 Raith	(h11)	2-3	(h 6)	0-2	(a15)	0-3	(a 9)	1-2	(h 1)	3-2
17 Rangers	(h 2)	5-0	(h 4)	1-1	(a 6)	1-1	(h15)	1-0	(a14)	1-1
18 St. Johnstone	(h19)	0-2	(h20)	8-1	(h 4)	0-1	(h13)	7-0	(a12)	1-3
19 St. Mirren	(h13)	1-4	(a 8)	1-2	(a 3)	1-2	(h10)	0-0	(a 7)	1-2
20 Third Lanark	(h18)	1-3	(a 7)	0-4	(a12)	3-1	(a18)	1-4	(a 8)	1-4

INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY TO-DAY

The semi-final round match between England and India in the local International Hockey Tournament will be played this afternoon, at 5.15 p.m., on the Navy ground, King's Park.

Portugal, by virtue of their victory over Ireland last week have already qualified for the final.

GOLF

Silver King Tourney

London, To-day. — At Moor Park W. J. Branch, with rounds of 70 and 66, leads the field at the end of the second round in the Silver King Tournament.

Others scores were:—

Alfred Padgham (71 and 68)

Donald Curtis (74 and 65)

M. H. Ward (139)

Reginald Whitcombe (72 and 68)

Henry Cotton (73 and 71)

Charles Whitcombe (144).

Fifty-seven players with aggregate of 148 or better have qualified for the final which will be played over 36 holes to-day.

Abe Mitchell and Arthur Havers are among the notables who did not qualify.—Reuter.

LAWN BOWLS TEAMS K.F.C.

The following will represent the Kowloon Football Club First and Second teams against the Tai Koo Docks Recreation Club and the Kowloon Tong Recreation Club, at home, on Saturday, in friendly Lawn Bowls matches:—

v Tai Koo Docks R.C.

B. Evans, W. Simpson, V. Chittenden and W. V. Field (skip).

W. Exell, Dr. J. T. Smalley, R. Hall and J. Gibson (skip).

A. Eastman, A. Moss, P. Younghusband and T. Fergusson (skip).

v Kowloon Tong

H. Mills, D. Izatt, C. M. Hall and P. Morgan (skip).

R. Hughes, C. Fuller, H. Bunje and V. Petherick (skip).

L. Bones, J. Ross, T. White and C. Champelovier (skip).

K.D.R.C.

In their friendly lawn bowls game against Kowloon Cricket Club at Cox's Road, the Kowloon Docks Recreation Club will be represented by the following:—

P. B. Parks, W. C. K. Mackie, W. D. McMaster and S. Gray (skip).

J. N. Sweeney, Captain Williams, G. Henderson and R. Lapsley (skip).

C. S. M. Thom, M. Ferguson, W. Houston and J. Kempton (skip).

Spelling Bee: English Schools v. Scottish Schools

12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Derek Oldham (Tenor) and the Drury Lane Theatre Orchestra.
1.03 p.m.—Cesar Franck—Sonata In A Major. Alfred Cortot (Piano) and Jacques Thibaud (Violin).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Dance Music.
Blues—Barbary Coast Blues; Rumba—Antigua... Joe Daniels & His Hot Shots in "Drumsticks".
Fox-Trots—You Couldn't Be Cuter (film 'Joy of Living'); Just Let Me Look At You (film 'Joy of Living')... Bert Block & His Bell Music.
Tangos—Retintin; Lorenzo... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.
Fox-Trots—Moonlight In Walkiki; It's The Little Things That Count... Jan Garber & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—I'm Reading Your Letters; I'm Sorry I Didn't Say 'I'm Sorry'... The Organ, The Dance Band and Me (Piano).
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.
(a) High Society; (b) There'll come a time; (c) Waters of Minnetonka; (d) A Song of Old Hawaii.
6.14 p.m.—Record: Sweet Sue, Just You (Harris & Young); Poor Butterfly (Golden & Hubbell)... The Dixie

To-day's Wireless

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Devils with Vocal Chorus.
6.21 p.m.—(a) Ride Tenderfoot Ride; (b) There's a Brand New Picture; (c) While a Cigarette was burning; (d) Mayfair Merry-go-round.
6.35 p.m.—Records: Let's Put Some People To Work (Goodhart, Hoffman); I'm Still Dreaming (from 'When Knights were bold')... Jack Buchanan (Vocal) with Orchestra.
Jan Kiepura Film Melodies... Fred Stein at the Piano.
6.44 p.m.—(a) Tell me with your Kisses; (b) It's a Lonely Trail; (c) Feelin' no Pain; (d) Mabuhay.
7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—Kalmár Pal (Vocal) with Magyar Imre & His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.
Pale Yellow Rose; I Love You Beautiful Lady (Sandor); Passing The Church; Lilac Flowers Mourn For Me (Zoltan)... Magyar Imre & His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.
Tik Tak Tik Tak Ut Az Ora—Dal (Frigyess); Leanyok, Legenyek—Csardas (Gyula); Kék A Buzavirag—Csardas (Kadas)... Kalmár Pal accomp. by Magyar Imre & His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.
My Sweetie Is Roaming About; How I Could Lament! You Can't Forbid A Flower; The Sleeves of My Jacket Are Tied Up... Magyar Imre

& His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.
7.22 p.m.—Songs by Gitta Alpar (Soprano).
No More (from C. B. Cochran's Revue 'Home & Beauty'); Sing Something In The Morning (from C. B. Cochran's Revue 'Home & Beauty')... with Orchestra cond. by G. Walter.
7.30 p.m.—Next week's programme.
7.33 p.m.—Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal & Piano).
"The Gold Diggers Of 1937"—Selection (Arlen, Young & others); "A Day At The Races"—Selection (Kahn & Others)... Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Al Bollington at the Organ.
Two Tired Eyes (film 'Cock O' The North'); Wake! (film 'Cock O' The North')... Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) at the Piano with (orchestral Accompaniment).
Medley Of Paso-Dobles. Intro: The Spirit of the Matador; Juanita; A girl like you... Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Al Bollington at the Organ.
These Foolish Things (Marvell-Strachey); Lights Out (Billy Hill)... Leslie Hutchinson (Vocal) at the Piano.
"Girl of the Golden West"—Selection... Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra with Al Bollington at the Organ.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Albert Sandler Trio.
Rustle Of Spring (Sinding—Op. 32, No. 3).
Dusty Violin (Vernon & Brooke).
Shy Serenade (Scott Wood).
Victor Herbert Melodies.
8.15 p.m.—Studio—Recital by Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) with E. O'Neil Shaw at the Piano.

London Relays: "The Heart Of England"

1. Caro mio ben (Giordani).
2. M'Appari from 'Marta' (Flotow).
3. Cangaia, cangaia (Fasolo).
4. Il sogno ('Manon'—Massenet).
5. De' miei bollenti spiriti ('La Traviata'—Verdi).
6. Princesita (Padilla).
7. Granadinas (Alvarez).
8. Farolito (Unknown).
8.45 p.m.—Studio—"Spelling Bee"—4: English Schools v. Scottish Schools.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"More Food for Thought". Short talks on matters of topical interest.
9.45 p.m.—London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.
9.50 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"The Heart of England". A programme from the Midlands arranged and produced by Robin Whitworth.
10.20 p.m.—A Programme of English Music.
Chaconne (Purcell, 1658-1695)... American Society of Ancient Instruments directed by Ben Stad.
Air And Hornpipe (Purcell)... Edith Pentville (Flute) with Ronald Revell at the Piano.
My Lovely Celia (Monro)... Nan Maryska (Soprano) with Piano accomp. by Ivor Newton.
Nocturne In A Flat Major, No. 3 (John Field 1782-1837)... Frank Merrick (Piano).
Four Jolly Sailormen (from 'A Princess of Kensington')... Francis Russell, Parry Jones, Raymond Newell and Harry Dearth (Quartette) with Piano.
Three English Dances (Quilter)... New Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by J. Almslie Murray.
Fill A Glass With Golden Wine (Quilter)... Hubert Eisdell (Tenor) with Piano.
"Nell Gwyn Dances" (Edward German): 1. Country Dance; 2. Pastoral Dance; 3. Merry-makers' Dance... Jack Hylton & His Orch.
11 p.m.—Close down.



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 ♦ A 6 4 3
 ♣ 7
 ♠ 10 8
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 ♦ 5 2 2
 ♣ 5 4 3
 ♠ 6 5 4
 ♥ A 10 6
 ♦ K J 10 9
 ♣ 8 6 2
 ♠ J 3
 ♥ 9
 ♦ K Q 10 5 6 7 6 3
 ♣ A Q

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♠	3♠
3♠	Pass	4♠	5♠
5♠	Pass	6♠	Pass
7♠	Pass	Pass	Pass
7NT	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

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To-day's hand represents the biggest swing we have been under the present scoring. West opened the five of clubs, whereupon Declarer spread his hand claiming his contract. On a heart opening he would have been down seven, and the swing represented 4,640 points!

The consensus of opinion at the table was that South had gotten away with a rotten bid. Actually South had pretty good reasoning in back of his seven notrump bid. His partner had jumped on the first round and subsequently jumped to six spades without a solid spade suit. Then when seven hearts was bid, North had passed, thereby showing a willingness to have his partner bid seven. South had never shown the Ace of clubs at any time. Therefore he felt entitled to assume that North, his partner, held the Ace of hearts, whereupon he was certain he could

make thirteen tricks at notrump.

Finally, West received a lot of criticism for his lead, but actually only one-fourth of the players we have shown the hand to would have made the right lead of a heart.

Oswald Jacoby was your partner in Saturday's question. You held:

♠ K x x x x
 ♥ x x
 ♦ x x x
 ♣ x x

The opponents were vulnerable; you were not. The bidding:
Jacoby Schenken You Maier
1♠ Dbl. (?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is four spades. You don't really expect to make this contract but you do want to make it as hard as possible for your opponents to get into the bidding.

Score 100% for four spades, 70% for three spades (the jump to three spades over the double is not a forcing bid), 40% for two spades (won't shut them out), 0 for pass. Note: Many players would like to try some very fancy bid such as two notrump with this hand. Such bids are justifiable in this instance, but there are too many of them for us to assign marks.

QUESTION NO. 79

Both sides are vulnerable. You are Merwin Maier's partner and hold:

♠ x x x
 ♥ x x x x
 ♦ x x x x
 ♣ K J x x

The bidding:

Burnstine Maier Schenken You
 1♥ Pass INT Pass
 2♥ Dbl. Pass (?)
 What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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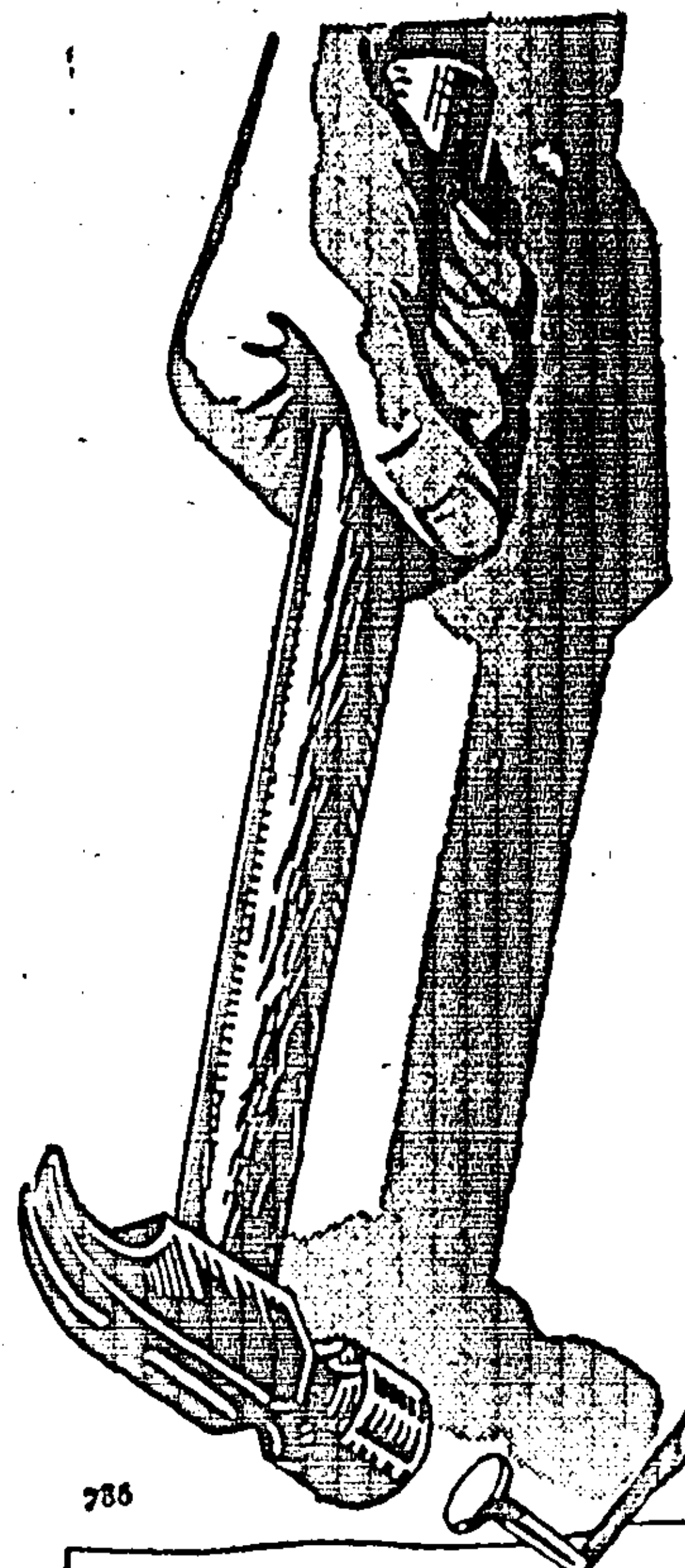
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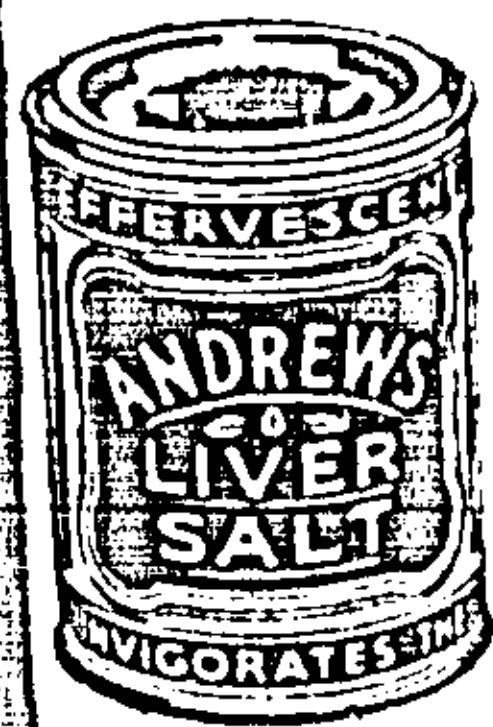
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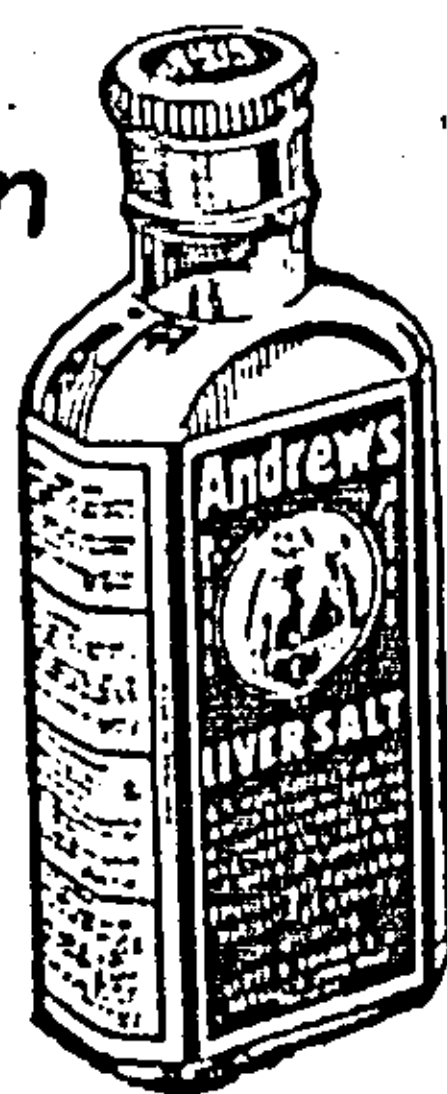


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ended 31st December, 1938.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the
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By Order of the Board of
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J. N. WONG,
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Hong Kong, 19th April, 1939.

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COLLISION IN THE CITY

Mr. J. E. Jupp, of J. D. Humphreys, Alexandra Building, was cautioned by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, when summoned for driving without due care and caution.

Traffic Inspector Clarke said defendant collided with a tram car at about 9 a.m. on March 30, at the junction of Pedder Street and Chater Road.

Defendant said he was turning into Chater Road, and saw a tram coming. He tried to back up, and collided with another tram from the other direction.

THE CLOCK STRUCK ONE!

In a fight with nothing barred, Wong Kam, complainant in a case against Nam Fook, 20, was struck on the head with a clock which the defendant had seized in the heat of battle and used as a weapon.

Sergt. Whitley, prosecuting, stated that the fight arose from a dispute over who should first draw water from a public fountain near Lai Chi Yuen Village.

Defendant was placed on a \$20 bond to keep the peace and be of good behaviour for a year.

Au Lai, of 47, Bonham Strand East, has reported that jewellery to the value of \$105 was stolen from her house, between 11 p.m. on Wednesday and 10 a.m. yesterday.

ITALO-HUNGARIAN NEGOTIATIONS

Rome, To-day.

A third conference took place in the Palazzo Venezia yesterday afternoon between the Italian and Hungarian Statesmen.

Both Mussolini and Count Ciano were present at the conference which lasted several hours.

It is announced that on Friday, the Duce will give a farewell audience to Lord Perth, the retiring British Ambassador in Rome. His successor is Sir Percy Loraine. — Trans-Ocean.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH'S BIRTHDAY

To-day is the thirteenth birthday of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.

The following telegram was sent this morning by His Excellency the Governor to the Secretary of State:

"Grateful if you will convey to Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth the loyal and hearty congratulations and good wishes of all communities in Hong Kong on the occasion of her birthday."

HOLD-UP IN CITY

Chu Pan-leung 20, who, was walking in Des Voeux Road near the Gloucester Hotel, at about 1.15 a.m. this morning, was held up by six men and robbed of \$2.

Two men were arrested when the alarm was raised and the district combed.

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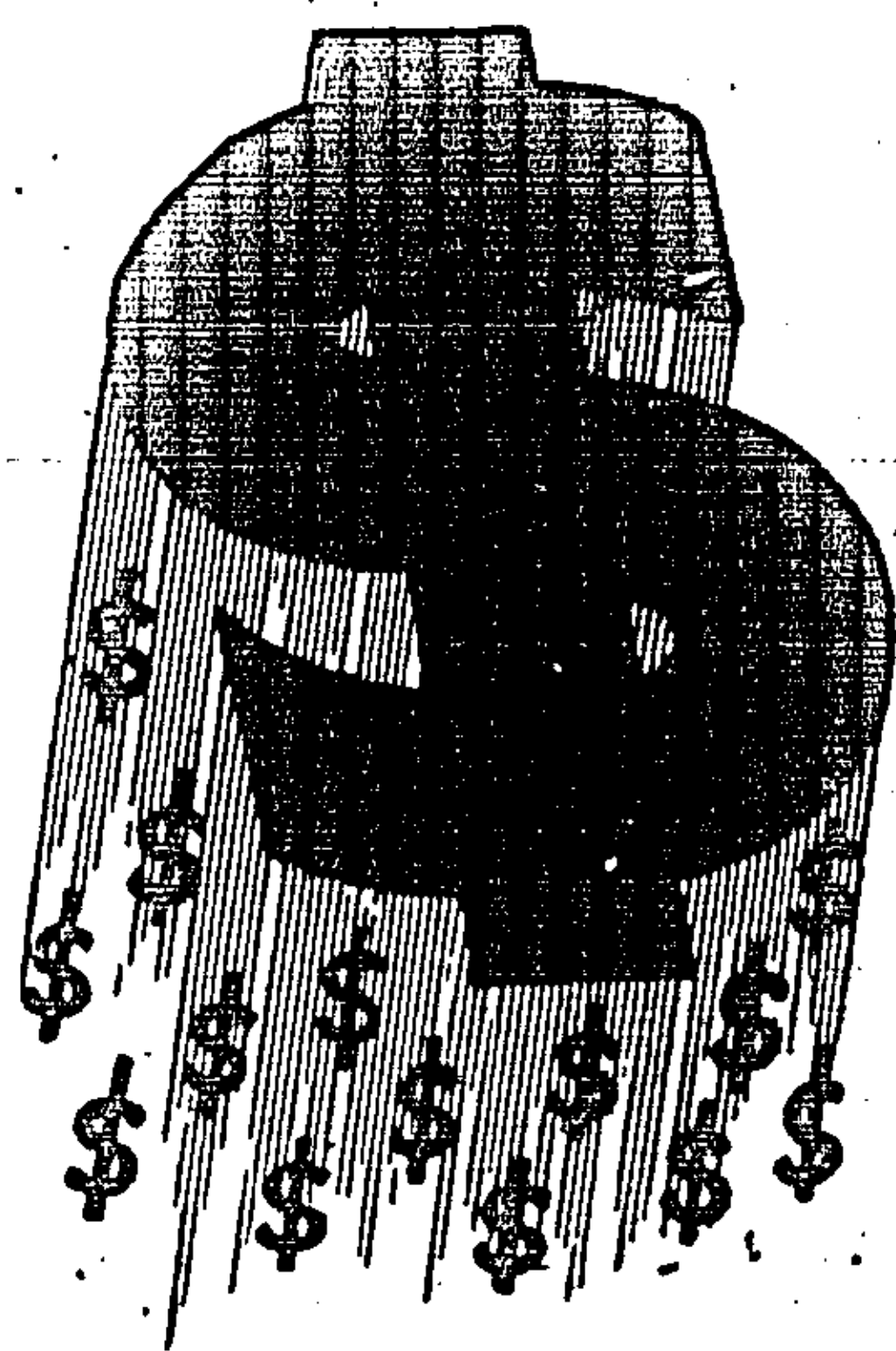
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STRANGE COINCIDENCE

An odd coincidence was disclosed before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen this morning when Det. Sgt. C. Pope prosecuted Wong Yee, 33, for burglary.

Wong was seen in Pakhoi Street at 4.30 a.m. yesterday carrying a cotton quilt. A constable took him to the police station.

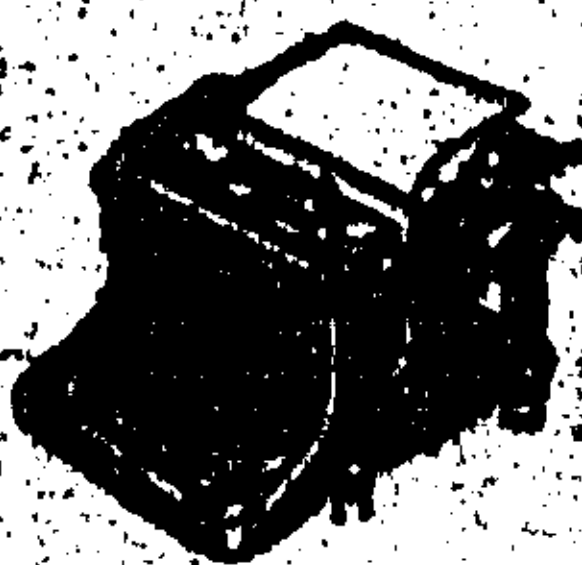
On arrival, the quilt was recognised by a man who was making a report of the theft from his cubicle in Woosung Street.

Wong was given three months' hard labour.

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